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Reagan told to act swiftly by Thatcher

Cable puts pressure for accord with Congress

By Nicholas Wood and Richard Ford

Mrs Thatcher has appealed to President Reagan to act swiftly to reduce his country's yawning budget deficit and to take charge of efforts to put the Western economies back on an even keel.

Her brief message, virtually unprecedented in that it represents a direct attempt to intervene in the domestic affairs of the US, was cabled to the British Embassy in Washington shortly before Mr Nigel Lawson stepped up the pressure on the beleaguered President to cut the deficit, which has sent world stock markets plunging.

She underlined her appeal yesterday in the Commons when she issued a warning of the destabilizing effects of budget deficits, praised her Chancellor of the Exchequer for his excellent record recognized the world over, and said that Britain was anxious that the talks between the President and Congress should succeed.

"A convincing pledge to reduce the US budget deficit is a vital first step towards restoring confidence in the financial markets", Mrs Thatcher told Mr David Heathcoat-Amory, Conservative MP for Wells.

He had asked her to urge President Reagan to learn from the British record of prudent public finances, which has brought it close to a balanced budget.

Officially, the British Government was trying to play down the significance of *Mrs Thatcher's crisis move*, insisting that the Prime Minister was "not putting the boot in" and was seeking simply to "support and encourage" President Reagan in his efforts to reach an agreement with Congress over the scale of spending cuts and tax increases.

But after Mr Lawson's tough words in his Mansion House speech, in which he said there were doubts about whether the Americans had the political will to reduce their budget deficit projected at $156 billion next year, it was clear that relations between London and Washington are have reached a difficult stage.

Ministers were saying yesterday that there is mounting



Mrs Thatcher yesterday: Unprecedented cable.

impatience and alarm in London over President Reagan's failure to act quickly and decisively to bring his spending shortfall under control.

Those with long memories were drawing grim satisfaction from the fact that Britain, for long the sick man of the Western world, was now, ironically, pointing the way ahead.

They added that Britain was unusually well placed to press the case for financial prudence in the US because of the healthy state of domestic public finances with the public sector borrowing requirement forecast to be only £1 billion at the end of this year.

Government sources, while declining to release the text of the cable, flatly denied that it was in any way intended to lessen the impact of Mr Lawson's trenchant remarks. The Prime Minister was not expecting a reply, merely action, it was said.

In the Commons Mr Lawson rejected the suggestion there was any difference between his public warning to the US and the private communication from the Prime Minister. Although her words were inevitably different the message was the same, he said.

But Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, suggested that the Prime Minister was attempting to tone down the Chancellor's blunt language.

But Mr John Smith, the Shadow Chancellor, said the "billing and cooing of the Thatcher government towards the US administration has apparently been replaced by tones of harsh rebuke"

Mr Lawson added that he had been urging the Americans to act for four and a half years and it would be strange if he were now to change his tune.

"We have been and will remain the staunchest ally of the US. The views that we express and have a right to express are listened to and taken seriously because they know we are their closest ally."

It was disclosed yesterday that the Prime Minister had consulted the Chancellor before cabling Washington and that she shares his fears about continued US inactivity transforming the markets slide into a world recession.

With President Reagan in an apparent reverie, it was emphasized in London that Mrs Thatcher wants him to exercise his powers of leadership in restoring economic stability to the West.

Mr Lawson's strictures provoked a dusty response in Washington with a White House spokesman insisting that the 10-day talks between President Reagan and Congress over a stablizing package could not be rushed.

"These talks are going apace but they cannot be hurried. This is not the kind of thing you can put a deadline to, or do in three hours. We are doing what we have to do."

Government sources in London sought to play down the rift, saying that the initial American response was "fair enough".

One official explained: "We want an early restoration of confidence, but the important thing is to get it done well and effectively."

Mrs Thatcher has not offered President Reagan advice on how he should go about tackling his financial difficulties. The burden of her message is that he must now act swiftly and decisively in putting his house in order.

Mr Lawson told MPs that once an agreement between the President and the Congress was in place a meeting of the Group of 7 major industrial nations to reach an international package would be held.

"The international package has to be based on the Americans taking the step to put their house in order. They know that and to have a meeting now when that is not in place would have a devastatingly counter productive effect on world markets".

The package agreed in America would have to be a proper one securing a reduction in the budget defict in 1988 and 1989

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Dollar in slide to new lows

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, told the House of Commons that a reduction in interest rates by West Germany yesterday, together with Britain's base rate cut on Wednesday, was part of a joint effort to deal with the turmoil in financial markets.

But this effort suffered a big blow yesterday when the White House said action would be taken to avoid a recession, even if this meant a lower dollar.

The White House confirmed comments by Mr James Baker, Treasury Secretary. He said interest rates would be allowed to fall in the US to avoid a recession, even if this meant a weakening dollar.

In response, the pound rose by more than three cents to $1.7810. The dollar fell to a new low of DM1.6650 in New York, after closing three pfennigs down at DM1.6820 in London. The dollar fell to a 40-year low of Y134.50 in New York, after dropping to Y135.50 in London.

Share prices had a better day. The FT-SE 100 index, having been more than 20 points down at one stage, ended 30.7 points up at 1,638.8.

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Terrorist gang releases two women hostages



Detective Martin O'Connor lies wounded on the footpath outside the gang's Dublin hideout

Kidnap dentist freed by police after shoot-out

By John Cooney

Two women held hostage by *the Irish terrorist Dessie* O'Hare were released unharmed last night after being driven 130 miles.

The women were taken hostage after police managed to free the kidnapped Irish dentist John O'Grady in a shoot-out with his abducters.

In a day of dramatic developments, it was disclosed that his kidnappers had hacked off parts of his little fingers and sent them to his family with a demand to increase the ransom from £300,000 to £1.5 million.

And it was learned that police stumbled on the kidnappers led by O'Hare only 50 minutes before a ransom was due to be paid using a Roman Catholic priest as a go-between.

Members of the gang were spotted by detectives during a routine search of houses on the north side of Dublin at lunchtime.

In the subsequent shoot-out, a police detective, named as Martin O'Conner, was seriously injured and lay in a pool of blood after being shot in the back and stomach. A second policeman was slightly injured and Mr O'Grady was shot in the hand.

Members of the gang had refused to answer the door when the two armed detectives sought entry. When the policemen sought reinforcements and tried to break down the door, the kidnappers started firing at them.

The owner of the house was arrested, but the leader of the gang, Mr Dessie O'Hare, Ireland's most wanted terrorist, escaped with at least two other kidnappers in a hijacked van.

An hour and a half later, the kidnappers burst into the home of Mrs.Una Darmody, aged 47, in west Dublin. She and her neighbour, Mrs Marie Hennessy, were dragged to a red Saab.

The women were driven more than 100 miles and released last night in Limerick, in the south-west of Ireland.

This was the second time in 10 days that the gang had shot its way to freedom when confronted by police.

Mr Gerry Collins, the Irish justice minister, is bound to receive further criticism in the Irish parliament for the police handling of the kidnap

Last night he said: "The gang will be hunted down to the very end of the road."

During his three-week ordeal, Mr O'Grady had his two small fingers severed by the gang. Last night he was recovering at a private clinic at Blackrock near Dublin.

Mr O'Grady's release came barely an hour before a priest, acting as an intermediary for the family, was due to negotiate the £1.5 million ransom for his release.

On Tuesday, parts of Mr O'Grady's severed fingers were sent to his family to prove that the gang intended to kill him if the ransom demand were not met.

Mr O'Grady, aged 38, was abducted from his home in Dublin on October 14 by four masked men who had actually intended to kidnap his father-in-law, Dr Austin Darragh, the millionaire owner of a multinational experimental drugs clinic.

In the second week of the kidnapping, the gunmen escaped by car after a gun battle

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Mr John O'Grady, before his abduction by the gang

Storm over Prince's support on defence

By Philip Webster in London and Alan Hamilton in Munich

The Prince of Wales was embroiled in political controversy last night after giving strong backing on his visit to West Germany to the Prime Minister's defence policies.

He upset Labour and Alliance MPs by delivering a speech in favour of nuclear weapons and supporting American nuclear weapons on British and Continental soil.

And he surprised Conservative MPs with a remark, delivered only two days from Remembrance Sunday, praising the excellence of German military officers through history.

The Prince, whose position is supposed to place him above party politics, even quoted the observation of the Prime Minister's favourite philosopher Hobbes that defence is the first task of government.

Addressing officer cadets of the German Army at the Bundeswehr University at Neubiberg, near Munich, and skirting the political arena more closely than is usual for him, the Prince said that people in European governments, the armed forces and public life generally "have a constant responsibility to ensure that nothing obscures the fundamental nature of the American defence guarantee for Western Europe".

In a clear expression of support for an independent British nuclear force, the Prince said: "Britain is a nuclear power, albeit one whose nuclear deterrent is committed to the Alliance and therefore *inter alia* acts as an umbrella for the Federal Republic."

Officials at the Foreign Office and the British Embassy in Bonn were involved in advising the Prince of Wales on matters of defence before he made yesterday's speech to West German army cadets, Buckingham Palace said last night.

When reports of the Prince's remarks reached Westminster there were angry reactions from Labour MPs on the unilateralist wing although there was no official comment from Mr Neil Kinnock or his chief defence spokesman, Mr Denzil Davies. But Mr Frank Dobson, the shadow Commons leader, said: "It is quite wrong of the Prince to have said this. He ought to know it is a matter of great political insensitivity in this country. He is supposed to stay clear of such things."

Mr James Wallace, the Liberal defence spokesman, said it was an unwise intervention which was clearly identified with the Government line.

But it was the Prince's remarks after visiting the joint British-German-Italian assembly line for Tornado Aircraft at Manching, near Munich, that was considered unwise by Conservative MPs. The Prince complimented his hosts at the military university by saying that Germany was "well known for the excellence of its military officers down through history". MPs felt the timing of the remark, and the place it was made, could give rise to misinterpretation.

But the Prince received support from Mr Michael Heseltine, the former Secretary of State for Defence, who said he had been referring to the known policy of the Government. It was perfectly legitimate to refer to Government policies on an overseas visit.

Skinner ordered out

Mr Dennis Skinner, Labour MP for Bolsover, was yesterday ordered out of the Commons after accusing Mr Norman Tebbit, the former Conservative Party chairman, of "lining his pockets" after leaving his post (Our Chief Political Correspondent writes).

Mr Bernard Weatherill, the Speaker, ordered Mr Skinner out after he had made the jibe and refused to withdraw it. He said it was "absolutely true"

About a dozen hard-left Labour MPs, including Mr Tony Benn, rose from their places and walked out in sympathy with Mr Skinner, who promptly won a dispute outside the chamber after a wrangle developed as to whether he should leave the Palace of Westminster The matter was settled when Mr Derek Foster, Labour's chief whip, intervened and took Mr Skinner to see Mr Weatherill to have the ruling clarified.

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Eskund was 'loaded in Tripoli'

Libyan link with arms ship

From Philip Jacobson in Paris and Andrew McEwen and Michael Evans in London

French authorities have confirmed to the Foreign Office that the arms found on the Eskund, the Irish-crewed trawler seized by French customs last Friday, had been supplied by Libya despite denials yesterday by Libya's Ambassador to France.

A Foreign Office spokesman said yesterday that reports that the weapons had been supplied by Libya were considered well-founded. Whitehall based this on information received from the French authorities.

But the sources said that both British and French officials had been tracking the coaster, suspecting that it was carrying drugs.

At one point, when it was sailing midstream up the Channel, authorities from Britain and France were unsure whether it was about to enter British or French waters. Both were poised to arrest it as soon as the crew's intentions became clear.

The five Irishmen found on board have been charged under France's 1986 anti-terrorism law with trafficking weapons for the purpose of disrupting public order by intimidation or terror.

The Libyan Embassy in Paris yesterday denied any involvement, claiming that Colonel Gadaffi's regime had been the target of "a campaign of disinformation and denigration".

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Mr Hamed al-Houdeiry, the Libyan Ambassador, declared: "My country is quite open about its policies towards national liberation movements but it (is) neither a producer nor a seller of arms." The ambassador added that it was well known that the IRA received most of its funds from the US.

Referring to reports that the arms had been transferred to the coaster in international waters off the Libyan coast, Mr Houdeiry noted that Libya was not responsible for what went on in the parts of the Mediterranean outside its own waters.

French and Irish police sources have said the Panamanian-registered vessel was loaded on October 14 in Libya. However, this was not known until the crew had been questioned, the sources added.

The ship came under surveillance only after leaving Malta. A French coastal observation aircraft sighted the vessel long before it reached the Channel.

Why it turned into the Channel instead of heading for Ireland was still unclear last night. But British authorities

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Arts world delighted by 17% budget increase

By Lynda Murdin

Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Arts, yesterday stunned and delighted the arts world by announcing a "new departure" in funding involving a 17 per cent increase in the Government's arts budget in the next three years.

He said the biggest increase, of 10 per cent, will be used next year to create "a positive atmosphere in which we can move forward".

The announcement contains two particularly significant changes: money for "incentive funding" is contained in the arts budget to encourage subsidized bodies to be more self-reliant and all financial arrangements are to be on a three-year, rather than annual, basis.

In a written parliamentary reply, Mr Luce said that by 1991 the arts would receive £394 million, excluding the cost of the British Library project at St Pancras. That is £58 million more than the current figure.

The central government programme as a whole, including the British Library's capital needs and the National Heritage Memorial Fund, would rise to £440 million in the same period.

The Arts Council, which decides on individual grants to organizations, will receive £150 million next year, compared to the current £138.4 million; a rise of 8.4 per cent.

By 1990-1991 it will receive £160 million, reflecting 3.3 per cent and 3.2 per cent increases in following years, amounting to 15.6 per cent over the three years.

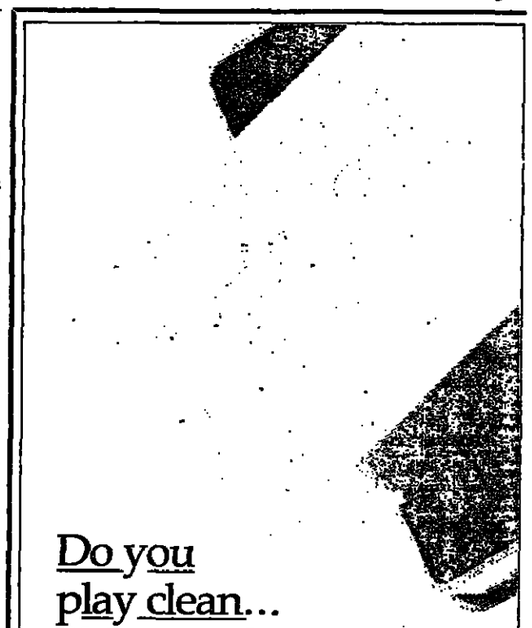
Mr Luce said he expected the Arts Council to set aside sums amounting to £7 million by the third year for incentive funding schemes and for increased touring in the regions.

Other provisions include an extra £6 million next year for building and maintenance at national museums and galleries, a 70 per cent rise to £3 million for the Business Sponsorship Incentive Scheme, operating alongside incentive funding, and a 27 per cent rise for the Public Lending Right.

Mr Luce commented last night: "I have listened very carefully to the views of the performing arts and heritage worlds and taken them into account. My own view is that we have now got a very solid basis from which we can move forward together to raise more resources for the arts to the benefit of the British public."

Mr Luke Rittner, secretary general of the Arts Council, said he was "absolutely delighted". Three-year funding would give organizations opportunities to plan ahead. The council would use the £5 million earmarked in the first year for incentive funding to create an Enterprise Fund Scheme, details of which would be announced later.

One of Mr Luce's sternest critics, Mr Simon Crine, director of the National Campaign for the Arts, said: "He deserves credit for this catching-up exercise -but arts funding must not be allowed to fall behind again."



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NEWS SUMMARY

Proposed airline merger in doubt

The proposed merger between British Airways and British Caledonian was in jeopardy last night in spite of the fact that it may get official blessing within the next few days (Our Air Correspondent writes).

The two airlines were reported to be drifting apart over the £237 million payment necessary to ensure the takeover as Lord Young of Graffham, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, studied a report on the link by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

British Airways has suffered badly in the recent stock market collapse. British Caledonian, which has sold off virtually all of its remaining assets, is now worth less than it was last July.

Navy wife cleared

The wife of a Royal Navy officer was acquitted at Winchester Crown Court last night of plotting to murder him. But Elizabeth Petitt, aged 30, was jailed for nine months for attempting to impede the arrest of her lover, Malcolm Brown, aged 40.

Brown, of Puffin Walk, Cowplain, Hampshire, who admitted attempted murder and conspiracy to murder, was jailed for seven years. He had attacked Lt Commander Ian Petitt, aged 31, with a stick at his home at Great Mead, Denmead, Hampshire.

Broker is fined

A stockbroker was fined £10,000 by Bow Street magistrates yesterday after pleading guilty to making multiple applications for British Aerospace shares.

Raymond Jillins, of Dial House, Frensham, Surrey, an associate member of stockbrokers Guy Puckle and Co and a member of the Stock Exchange, admitted 10 specimen offences.

He made an estimated 239 applications using seven addresses and invested £100,000, the court was told. He would have made a profit of £10,000.

Drug unit may close

One of the main National Health Service drug dependency units in London is likely to close in the new year because an important source of funding has been withdrawn.

Next Monday, a proposal will go to West Lambeth district health authority that the Drug Dependence and Treatment Unit at Tooting Bec Hospital should shut on January 1.

The unit helps drug users throughout London and is funded jointly by the South-east Thames and South-west Thames regional health authorities. South-east Thames is withdrawing its support.

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Security tighter

MPs' research assistants and other Commons staff are to be vetted before they are given identity passes, giving them access to the Palace of Westminster.

Passes had until recently been issued first and checks made later. But after Mr Ronan Bennett, the Irish research assistant engaged by Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Labour MP for Islington, was banned from the Commons on security grounds, the practice has been changed.

Next week MPs are expected to approve the new system.

Spy book move

Sir Patrick Mayhew, QC, the Attorney General, faild yesterday in the Court of Appeal to extend a ban until next year on newspapers publishing extracts from *Spycatcher*.

Sir Patrick had appealed after Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, Vice-Chancellor, refused to adjourn the date for the newspapers' appeal hearing.

But Sir Nicolas allowed the hearing date to be moved from November 16 to 23 so that Sir Robert Armstrong, the Cabinet Secretary, could be heard.

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Corpse in car boot

A man found dead in the boot of his car at Heathrow Airport, London, may have been the victim of a gangland feud. Mr Kenneth Whitney, aged 56, a second-hand car dealer from Buckhurst Avenue, Carshalton, Surrey, is believed to have had links with the south London underworld.

His body was discovered on Wednesday afternoon in the boot of his car, which had been parked in the terminal three car park on September 28. He had been savagely beaten to death.

Detectives at Heathrow are appealing for anyone who passed through terminal three on that day and who may have seen anything suspicious to get in touch with them.

Abduction inquiry offers clue to missing bride

By Ruth Gledhill and Andrew Morgan

Police investigating the disappearance of Shirley Banks, a bride of four weeks, were yesterday questioning a man about the attempted abduction of a businesswoman less than 24 hours before Mrs Banks vanished.

The woman, aged 30, was attacked in the early evening of October 7 in a car park in Bristol the day before Mrs Banks, aged 29, disappeared after going on a late night shopping expedition in the city.

Detectives inquiring into the disappearance of Suzy Lamplugh, a London estate agent, who joined the Banks investigation team this week, plan to return to Bristol early next week to continue investigations into possible links between the disappearance of Miss Lamplugh, aged 25, and Mrs Banks.

Four unsolved rapes which occurred earlier this year in the Bristol area are also being re-examined by police.

Detectives from the West Midlands who had reopened their files on a rapist who struck three women selling their homes in the Midlands area had also been to the Banks incident room but have now ruled out any connection with their case.

The key new development in the investigation came as police scaled up their search for clues to the disappearance of Mrs Banks.

Up to six mounted police and 24 officers on foot combed 18 acres of woodland at the council-owned Ashton Court estate, just outside the city boundary. Police frogmen drew a blank at the 20 ft deep Abbots Pool, a beauty spot near by.

Supt Neil Andrews of Avon and Somerset Police, disclosed the connection between the attempted abduction and the Banks inquiry as he watched the search yesterday.

The woman has told the police that the man, who she described as well dressed with dark hair, produced a handgun as she climbed into her car in a car park off Cannon's Road, near Bristol city centre.

"She pushed him away, slammed the door and drove off", Mr Andrews said. "The following evening Mrs Banks disappeared."

A man was being interviewed by the detectives leading the Banks investigation.

Det Inspector Peter Johnstone and Det Sgt Mike Barley, of the Metropolitan Police, who are leading the investigation into the disappearance of Miss Lamplugh returned to London yesterday lunchtime.

The two detectives had planned to spend only one day in Bristol examining possible links between their case and the disappearance of Mrs Bank.But after reading the Bristol files they stayed for nearly four days and returned only to "submit a formal report to senior detectives", Bristol police said.

"They are keeping in close contact with our incident room and are likely to return to Bristol next week."

The Metropolitan Police officers have not yet requested an interview with any possible suspect.

Mr Ron Broome, Chief Constable of Avon and Somerset, has called on his team not to become sidetracked from the main thrust of the Banks inquiry.

He said the team of 50 detectives was following up more than 300 leads and was confident of reaching a conclusion.

A man questioned by Bristol detectives about Mrs Banks drives a dark BMW. Miss Lamplugh disappeared after taking a man, the so-called Mr Kipper, who also drove a dark BMW, to show him a house in Fulham, west London.

● A man on remand is due to appear in court today charged with the theft of Mrs Banks's car, which was discovered last Friday.

Hurd hints at two Bills to deal with broadcasting

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

The broadcasting revolution facing Britain looks set to force the Government into introducing two major Parliamentary Bills rather than one as originally forecast, Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, suggested last night.

He left a London conference in no doubt that the size, complexity and technical changes involved in extra television and radio channels, satellite and cable are impossible to encompass in one piece of legislation.

After outlining the broadcasting agenda facing the Government, he said: "I cannot tell you today what the Government's menu planners will decide, but you should not necessarily assume that a single gargantuan Parliamentary Bill would be the only way of serving this feast".

The Home Secretary sidestepped questions urging him to expand on his statements, but he is known to believe that two Bills are now inevitable.

He said there was not enough technical common ground to enable ministers to come to an early decision about establishing a fifth terrestrial TV channel or permitting microwave broadcasting, which would open up the possibility of a large number of small community-style television stations.

The Government was grappling with the idea of subscription television, using night hours after closedown for television broadcasting, revising the ITV contract system, changing the constitution of Channel 4 as well as looking at a fifth TV channel and microwave broadcasting.

"All this adds up to a formidable legislative agenda. That is without even mentioning either our far-reaching radio Green Paper proposals or the numerous technical, but nonetheless important, changes to the law which various interests have canvassed."

Although the Cabinet sub-committee set up to produce a broadcasting White Paper early next year has made few definite decisions so far, Mr Hurd hinted that there was now an increasing acceptance that it was possible to change the constitution of Channel 4, enabling it to sell its own advertising air time without endangering the central purpose and distinctive remit of the channel.

At the same conference, Mr John Whitley, director-general of the Independent Broadcasting Authority, clashed with the Government over its plans to set up a new Broadcasting Standards Council

He proposed a watchdog body considerably different from that outlined by ministers and said it should look at what appeared in newspapers as well as on the screen.

"I would simply ask that the editors of the mass-circulation tabloids consider the possible impact of a steady diet of scandal, sensationalism and sex, not to mention violence, that appears week-in, week-out, on their front pages."

Mr Whitney's proposal was quickly rejected by Mr Hurd, who said that newspapers did not have such a dramatic and intrusive power in the household as television or video.

The new Broadcasting Standards Council has been proposed by the Government in response to growing criticism from viewers about the content of some programmes.

Mr Hurd made it clear that the Government did not intend to delay setting up the council, and it would be established before any broadcasting legislation went on to the statute book.

Thatcher rebuke to Whitelaw on schools

By Nicholas Wood
Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister yesterday delivered an implied rebuke to Lord Whitelaw, her deputy, for suggesting that the Lords may defeat crucial parts of the Government's package of education reforms.

A Bill giving schools the right to withdraw from local authority control, among other fundamental changes, is due to be published within a few weeks.

Mrs Thatcher told MPs: "The Government's opt-out proposals, I believe, will go ahead and become law".

But last night Lord Whitelaw, Leader of the Lords, said on BBC Radio 4 that the Government faced a good deal of argument from peers and predicted that it would be defeated.

Asked which part of the Bill will cause the most trouble, Lord Whitelaw said: "Probably the proposals for opting out".

The Prime Minister was reported to be sceptical of Lord Whitelaw's pessimistic forecasts, recalling that the Teachers' Pay and Conditions Bill and the Bill to abolish the GLC went through the Lords in spite of predictions that they would be watered down.

Mrs Thatcher was said to be prepared to use existing powers to reintroduce in the Commons parts of any legislation lost in the upper house.

● The Government was accused yesterday of jumping the gun and bending the rules by using the Central Office of Information in support of the campaign for the poll tax (Our Political Editor writes).

Mr Jeff Rooker, the shadow minister for local government, wrote to Mrs Thatcher saying that the production by the COI of a 12-page booklet, *Paying for Local Government, the need for change*, breached the understanding that the COI should not publicize government actions until the Commons had passed legislation or tacitly agreed to the Government's proposed course of action.



Nervous Runcie 'rescued' by Navy



An "uplifting" experience took the Archbishop of Canterbury soaring yesterday. He survived the experience cheerfully.

An attack of nerves almost made Dr Runcie back out of a "rescue" from a Falmouth lifeboat by a Royal Navy helicopter off the coast of Cornwall. The archbishop, with a bright orange survival suit and crash helmet over his usual suit, dog collar and pectoral cross, played his role perfectly as he was winched 30 ft into the air.

Back on land, he said: "It was a piece of cake".

Law lords rule on breath test challenge

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

Breathalysed drivers facing prosecution for drink-drive offences will be able to challenge the validity of breath-test machines after a House of Lords ruling yesterday.

The unanimous ruling by five law lords could pave the way for a number of breath-test challenges in the courts.

The law lords held that motorists can challenge the reliability of breath test readings by calling evidence that they had not been drinking or had drunk so little that the reading could not be right.

Lord Griffiths said there was no reason why a teetotaller who, for example, had dined with two bishops and found himself facing prosecution after a breath-test reading should not be able to call evidence from the bishops.

Another law lord, Lord Goff of Chieveley, predicted that many motorists would clutch at the "straw" of a possible new defence.

He said: "It is notorious that there is an industry devoted to assisting motorists in defeating drink-drive charges and, once the decision in the present case is reported, attention will rapidly be drawn to this new possibility".

The consequences of a conviction were so serious for many motorists that there was "a great temptation to grasp at any straw which may assist them in their defence. I have little doubt that the point will be taken, time and time again", Lord Goff said.

Mr John Spencer, a member of the road traffic committee of the Magistrates' Association and clerk to the Weymouth justices, agreed that motorists would try to use the defence.

"Earlier decisions have said that if there is no evidence that the machine is actually malfunctioning, the results must be accepted. People have not really been in a position to challenge the validity of the machine", he said.

The Lords overturned a 1985 High Court decision which limited a challenge over the reliability of a breath-test machine to direct evidence of malfunction. The courts have acknowledged that such evidence is rarely available to the ordinary motorist.

The lords allowed an appeal by Mr Robert Cracknell, aged 51, of Mottingham, south-east London, who claimed that Bromley magistrates wrongly refused to allow him to bring evidence of the amount of alcohol he had consumed before convicting him of driving with excess alcohol.

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Death of the man with the red book

By Lynda Murdin
Arts Correspondent

Eamonn Andrews, the television personality and compere of *This Is Your Life*, died yesterday. He was aged 64.

Mr Andrews, a 6ft 1in former boxer, had been ill in recent months, losing two stones in weight. On Monday he entered London's private Cromwell Hospital for tests for what he described as a mystery virus.

However, it turned out to be progressive deterioration of the myocardium, the main heart muscle.

Heart specialists said yesterday that this type of disease did not normally result in so sudden a death, but this could have been caused by an associated rhythm problem.

The Cromwell Hospital said that Mr Andrews had been admitted for investigation and was expected to be discharged within a week. "But the illness got the better of him and he died at 2.15am."

His wife, Grainne, had been with him at the hospital but left shortly before his death. Their three adopted children, Fergal, aged 23, Emma, aged 26, and Niamh, aged 19, travelled to London later. They were said to be "extremely shocked and distressed".

His funeral will be in the city of his birth, Dublin, next week.

Last night many people paid tribute to the professionalism of the smooth-talking television host who with his famous red book became as much an institution as the late Roy Plomley and his desert island.

Mr Bill Cotton, managing director of BBC Television, described Mr Andrews as "one of the pillars of popular broadcasting in this country".

He said: "He was a man who cared deeply for his family, his friends, and his work. The public recognized this instinctively and that was the secret of his success."

Mr Andrews became a household name in the early days of BBC television.

He hosted the popular *Crackerjack* and *What's My Line?* but it was *This Is Your Life*, started by the BBC in 1955, that really caught the public's imagination.

The show lasted for nine years and some 255 programmes with the BBC and was then revived in 1969 by Thames Television. Some 500 more were made, one featuring comedian Jimmy Cricket was screened just hours before Mr Andrews died.

Next Wednesday the scheduled *This Is Your Life* will be replaced by *Headliners*, a new quiz programme hosted by Derek Jameson.

Thames Television officials have yet to decide whether to screen several *This Is Your Life* programmes.

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Attitudes harden on post strike

By Tim Jones

The prospect of industrial action bringing chaos to Christmas mail deliveries looked more likely yesterday as the two sides in the postal dispute took up inflexible positions.

The Union of Communication Workers, representing most postal workers, said its members were overworked and underpaid.

The Post Office said the average earnings of a postman nationally were £188 a week and £238 for sorters. For inner London, the figures were given as £221 and £272. It will not concede a three-hour reduction in the working week.

The result of a ballot on whether to take industrial action will not be known until later this month, but Mr Alan Tuffin, general secretary of the union, was confident that his members would vote for a strike.

If they do vote for industrial action, the Post Office has said that thousands of jobs will be put at risk.

Sellafield to cut waste discharge

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

The first progress report on a £2 billion construction programme at the Sellafield nuclear reprocessing plant, Cumbria, shows that, when the project is complete, the discharges of radioactive waste into the Irish Sea will be reduced to one five-hundredth of today's levels.

British Nuclear Fuels said in its report yesterday that a start will also have begun on the conversion of stocks of highly active liquid wastes into glass blocks. Liquid wastes have accumulated since small scale reprocessing operations started in 1952.

The reduction in discharges and conversion of liquid wastes will happen simultaneously with a doubling of the number of fuel rods being reprocessed from nuclear power stations.

The expansion should begin in five years when the thermal oxide reprocessing plant (Thorp), the biggest of the new projects, is completed. Work on Thorp, construction of which is costing £1.65 billion, started four years ago.

Ten years ago it was the subject of the Windscale public inquiry, the first in Britain into plans for a nuclear plant of any sort. It ran for 100 days, a record.

Dr Bill Wilkinson, director of Spent Fuel Management Services, part of British Nuclear Fuels, said the company already had contracts for 10 years' work on Thorp, worth £2.5 billion, from overseas customers, mainly Japan, and work worth £1.6 billion from Britain. The plant will have a working life estimated at more than 25 years.

Dr Wilkinson, speaking to 100 members of the British Nuclear Forum, the professional body of engineers and industrialists, said that many new technologies had been developed in the design and the building of all the new ventures at Sellafield.

He described Thorp as a new generation of nuclear reprocessing plant to take British Nuclear Fuels into the twenty-first century.

Sellafield's existing reprocessing works handles the fuel from the first generation of Magnox nuclear reactors.

Peer's move to open up Land Register

Lord Templeman, a practising law lord, is to take the unusual step today of presenting a Bill in the House of Lords for opening up the Land Register to public inspection.

The register is the confidential record of registered ownership of houses and land in England and Wales. The Bill, in line with recommendations from the Law Commission in 1985, would enable people to inspect entries on the register.

Among those who would benefit are ramblers, bird-watchers and others seeking access to land without trespassing

Kasparov puts up a superb defence

By Raymond Keene
Seville

The world chess champion, Gary Kasparov, held the difficult adjournment of last night's 9th game in Seville with a superb display of aggressive defence tactics.

The game, with Karpov playing white, had been adjourned after 43 moves with Karpov holding a distinct edge. The former champion's advantage consisted of a dangerous pawn in the centre of the board and a much more secure situation for the white king.

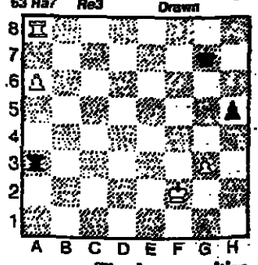
Grandmasters believed that the game would be drawn on resumption of play but that Kasparov would be forced to struggle in order to salvage the half point.

Kasparov confounded most predictions concerning his gloomy future by launching directly into a counterattack when play resumed. The world champion boldly advanced his pawns on both sides of the board and then sacrificed one pawn to achieve dominating posts for his queen and rook.

Karpov appeared surprised by this unusual line of defence.

The agreement to a draw was greeted by applause.

White	Black		
1 d4	Nf6	28 Nf6	Qd6
2 c4	g6	29 Qc3	Qe5
3 Nc3	d5	30 Qd3	Qd6
4 cxd5	Nxd5	31 Qc3	Qe5
5 e4	Nxc3	32 Qb3	Rc7
6 bxc3	Bg7	33 Qd3	Rf7
7 Bc4	c5	34 Qxc4	Rxf6
8 Ne2	Nc6	35 Rd1	b5
9 Be3	0-0	36 Rd7ch	Kh6
10 0-0	Bg4	37 Qe2	Qc5ch
11 f3	Nb5	38 Kh2	Qe5ch
12 Bxf7ch	Rxf7	39 g3	Qe3
13 fxg4	Rd1 ch	40 Kg2	Qc4
14 Kf1	cxd4	41 Qe3ch	g5
15 cxd4	Qb6	42 Rd2	Qf1ch
16 Kg1	Qe6	43 Kh2	Qf3
17 Qd3	Qxg4	44 Qd4	Re6
18 Rf1	Rc8	45 e5	Qf5
19 h3	Qd7	46 Re2	a5
20 d5	Nc4	47 Qd5	b4
21 Bd4	a5	48 Qxa5	Qd3
22 dxe6	Qxe6	49 Rg2	Qd4
23 Bxg7	Kxg7	50 Qa8	Qxe5
24 Nf4	Qd6	51 Qf8ch	Kg6
25 Qc3ch	Kh6	52 Qxb4	h5
26 Nd5	Qe5	53 h4	gxh4
27 Qd3	Kg7	54 Qxh4	Rd6
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		57 Qb7ch	Kh6
		58 Qe8ch	Kg7
		59 Rc2	Rb4ch
		60 Kg2	Qe4ch
		61 Qxe4	Rxe4
		62 Rc7ch	Kg6
		63 Ra7	Re3
		64 Kh3	Rc3
		65 Ra8	Rc4
		66 a4	Kg5
		67 a5	Ra4
		68 a6	Kh6
		69 Kg2	Ra3
		70 Kf2	Kg7
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Pupils aged 11-16 smoke and drink, health study finds

By Sarah Thompson, Education Reporter

Anti-smoking and drinking campaigns are having almost no impact on secondary school age children, according to the largest continuing survey of their health habits commissioned by the Health Education Authority.

The wide-ranging questionnaire, sent on their schools' request to nearly 20,000 children aged between 11 and 16, was good news for manufacturers of cigarettes, alcoholic or fizzy drinks, chips and over-the-counter painkillers; but bad news for teachers, who come low down the list of people children trust with problems, and a poor second to parents when children want information about sex.

Dr John Balding, director of the Health Education Authority-sponsored Schools Health Education Unit at Exeter University, who supervised the research, said: "What is worrying is that all the efforts we have made over many years to educate children about the dangers of alcohol and smoking have little effect on cutting it down".

The majority of all age groups work anything up to 10 hours a week for money and Dr Balding confessed to being "staggered", as a father of four, by the amount of money children have to spend. Sixteen per cent of those aged 15 to 16 get up to £10 a week allowance and nearly a fifth of girls of that age earns more than £10 a week.

"Kids are working for money", he said. "The more money you have the more power you have, the more grown up you can be – and the more alcohol you can buy."

The study, although dependent on schools asking for the questionnaires to target their own health education on particular age groups, is still statistically valid since it involves a sample of nearly 20,000 children. Next year a similar survey will cover 30,000 children and will include more searching questions about diet, sport and illegal drugs.

In the present survey based on 1986 returns, 47 per cent of boys and 34 per cent of girls aged 11 said they had had an alcoholic drink in the previous week. That percentage rose to 72 per cent of boys and 65 per cent of girls aged 15 and 16.

Many youngsters seemed to be regular wine drinkers and the most popular source of alcohol is the home, although nearly a third of those aged 11 and 12, rising to more than half of those aged 15 and 16, had visited a public house in the previous two weeks.

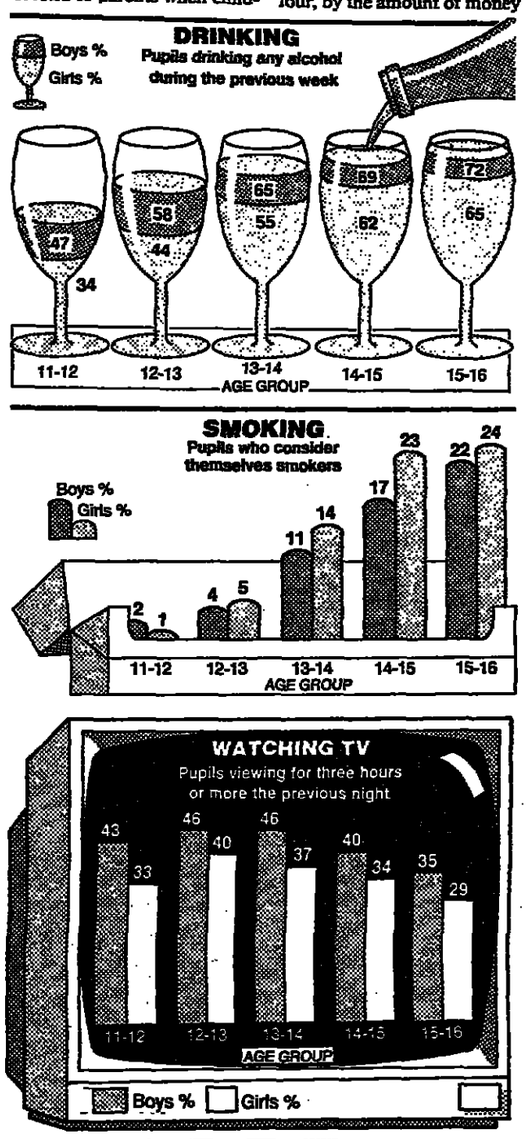
The average weekly alcohol consumption for boys aged 14 is seven to eight units (a pint of beer or a glass of wine equals one unit), rising to 8.5 in the North-east, which is the heaviest drinking area of the country.

Dr Balding said: "I have heard quite horrific stories of quantities of alcohol being drunk by children, made available by parents".

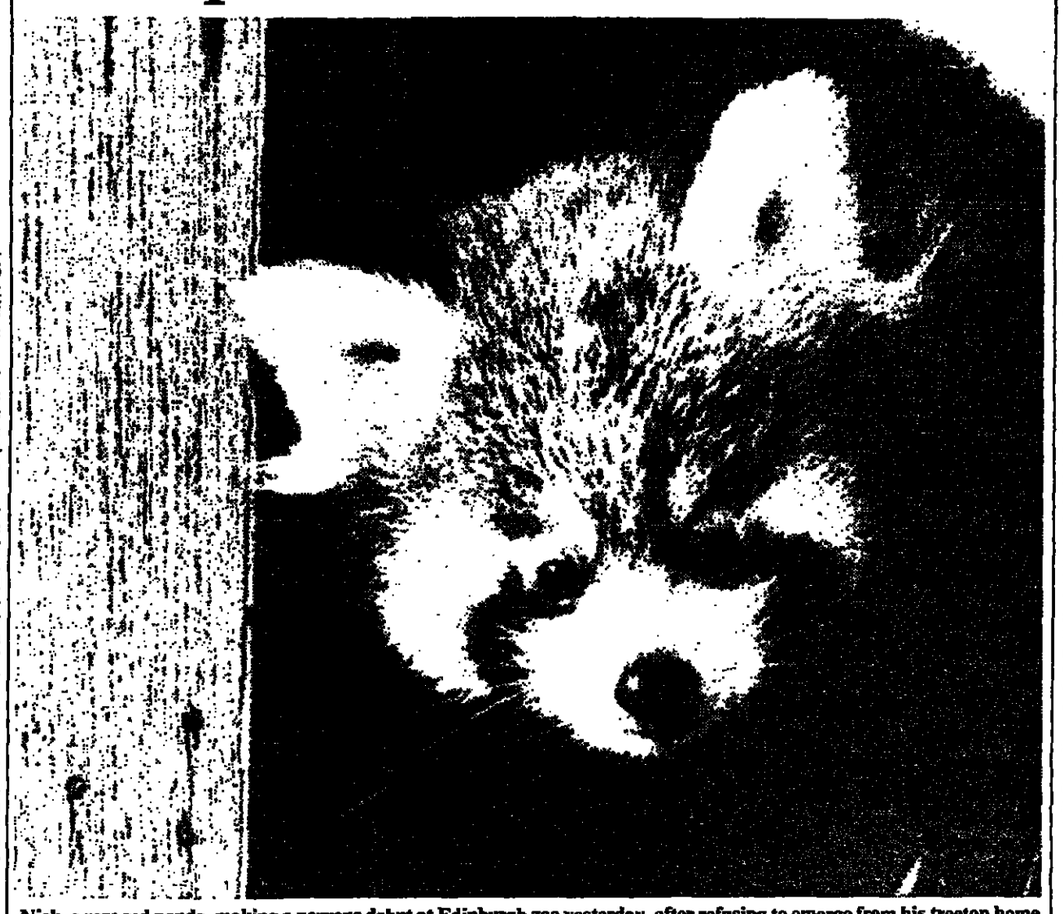
Nearly a quarter of girls aged 14 to 16 consider themselves smokers, as do 22 per cent of boys aged 15 to 16. Two per cent of boys aged 11 to 12 and 1 per cent of girls say they are smokers.

Television predictably is a staple time-filler: between 10 and 18.5 per cent of all age groups and both sexes watched more than five hours the night before the questionnaire, except for the girls aged 14 to 16, who mostly watched up to three hours.

Young People in 1986 (Publications Department, HEA Schools Health Education Unit, School of Education, University of Exeter, Heavitree Road, Exeter EX1 2LU; £10 plus £2 post and packing).



Red panda in reluctant debut



Nick, a rare red panda, making a nervous debut at Edinburgh zoo yesterday, after refusing to emerge from his treetop home for the benefit of waiting photographers. The four-month-old panda is destined for Belfast zoo (Photograph: Tom Kidd).

Portfolio Gold

Three win a share of £12,000

The Times Portfolio Gold prize, worth £12,000, is shared between three people, who win £4,000 each. They are Mr Balraj Dunna, of Brockley, south-east London, Mrs Rita O'Kane, of Enfield, north London, and Mr G Henshaw of Aldershot, Hampshire.

Mr Dunna, aged 24, works in a television rental company. He has been playing Portfolio Gold on and off for the past eight months but plans to start playing regularly since his win. He and his wife Sanjeeta, would like to take a holiday in the Caribbean.

Mrs O' Kane has three children, Niamh, aged five, Connal, aged four, and Kevin, whose first birthday was on the day of the win. Mrs O'Kane and her husband have recently fitted a kitchen extension to their house. The prize will go towards furnishing the new kitchen.

Mr Henshaw was not available for comment on his win.

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Good week by contemporary art cheers market

By Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

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It is proving an excellent week for contemporary art. In London the Contemporary Art Society's "art supermarket" succeeded in selling 100 British works within the first hour of opening and Sotheby's New York recorded nine record prices for individual artists, most of whom are still living, at their successful Wednesday sale.

All that bodes well for the market in general, as contemporary art is often considered the riskiest area of collecting and the first to fail.

The best news for artists was at the "supermarket," where the proceeds go straight to the artists.

Within 24 hours, supplies from quite a number of artists, including Richard Gilbert, Rachel Budd and Michael Prescot, had dried up. Best seller of all was the young artist Niamh Collins, who had sold 15 of her cryptic abstracts for £100 each on average.

In New York, Sotheby's amassed a total of 17.7 million dollars (about £10 million) at Wednesday's auction. There, with the exception of Malcolm Morley, whose painting "Day Fishing in Heraklion" fetched 396,000 dollars all the records were achieved by American artists.

At Christie's New York the previous night, a Francis Bacon painting, based on Velazquez's painting of Pope Innocent X, sold for 1.32 million dollars. 400,000 dollars less than last year's record for the artist.

Soldiers found guilty of assault on recruit

Four soldiers in The King's Own Scottish Borderers were found guilty by a court martial yesterday of common assault on a regimental recruit.

Two were found guilty also of causing actual bodily harm to Private James Guthrie, aged 20, during what the prosecution described as a painful and degrading initiation ceremony.

However, the court martial at Verden, West Germany, found the four privates not guilty of the original charges of indecent assault and causing grievous bodily harm.

They are Philip Smith, of Eyemouth, Berwick, David Gardner, of Lanark, and William Reilly, of Greenock, all aged 19, and Barry Ferguson, aged 20, of Dumfries. All are members of the 1st Battalion based at West Berlin.

Gardner and Ferguson were found guilty of causing actual bodily harm. Ferguson pleaded guilty at the start of the trial eight days ago to one charge of indecent assault.

The court martial, the biggest so far in a series arising from complaints about bullying in the Army, was told that Private Guthrie, of Bellshill, near Glasgow, had been in the Army for four weeks and was an unwilling initiation victim.

Major David Howell, for the prosecution, had alleged that during a series of initiation rites at Colchester Army barracks last February, Private Guthrie had been sexually abused, punched, beaten and forced to crawl naked through snow.

He was also stabbed with a needle in the buttocks and forced to sit in a bath of cold water.

The tribunal of five Army officers will pass sentence today.

Council calls for weather forecast ban

By Robin Young

East Lindsey District Council, which covers the seaside resorts of Skegness and Mablethorpe, yesterday launched a campaign to ban public weather forecasts.

The council claims that forecasts cost the tourist industry millions of pounds a year, because tourists stay away in thousands when the weathermen predict bad weather, although the forecast may be completely inaccurate and the sun shines.

The council is writing to the British Resorts Association calling for a co-ordinated campaign to rid Britain of meteorologists for good.

One councillor said: "We have had some super weather this year but forecasters put little black clouds all over the east coast and stop thousands of tourists making the trip".

Shares slump

House prices still set to rise

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

House prices, which rose by 14.5 per cent in the year to the end of October, should continue to increase in double figures during the next year in spite of the Stock Exchange downturn.

The Halifax Building Society said yesterday that its latest figures showed no impact from the share nosedive at this early stage. "Even in the longer term, no significant effect on house prices is likely", a spokesman said.

That view is shared by estate agents and other building societies, which see possible difficulties only for individuals in London and the South-east.

Halifax said house price movements were not historically linked to the Stock Exchange. However, if the crisis persisted and led to redundancies, particularly in the City, home owners might have trouble supporting their mortgages and be forced to sell.

"There could also be a psychological impact on house prices, particularly at the frothier end of the London market."

Equity holders might be less willing or able to support borrowing, but these cases were likely to be isolated to a small number of individuals.

Halifax said there could be "some deceleration in the rate of increase of house prices in London and parts of south-east England where 'City salaries' and speculative demand have been partly responsible for high rates of house price inflation".

The building society says that in the past 20 years, movements in house prices have been far more closely linked to movements in real incomes than to any other economic variable, and that the real threat to the housing market would come from widespread economic recession or financial collapse.

"However, the action taken by the Bank of England to reduce interest rates is a signal that measures will be taken to avoid the threat of financial collapse and recession." Assuming growth in real incomes of 2 to 2.5 per cent, house price inflation should remain in double figures during the next year.

Nationwide and Anglia looked at the nearest parallel – 1974, when the stock market fell by 50 per cent – and found that house prices continued to increase.

"Basically, house prices are not connected to the ordinary share index", a spokesman said. However, isolated areas such as docklands in London, where prices were over-inflated, might be affected.

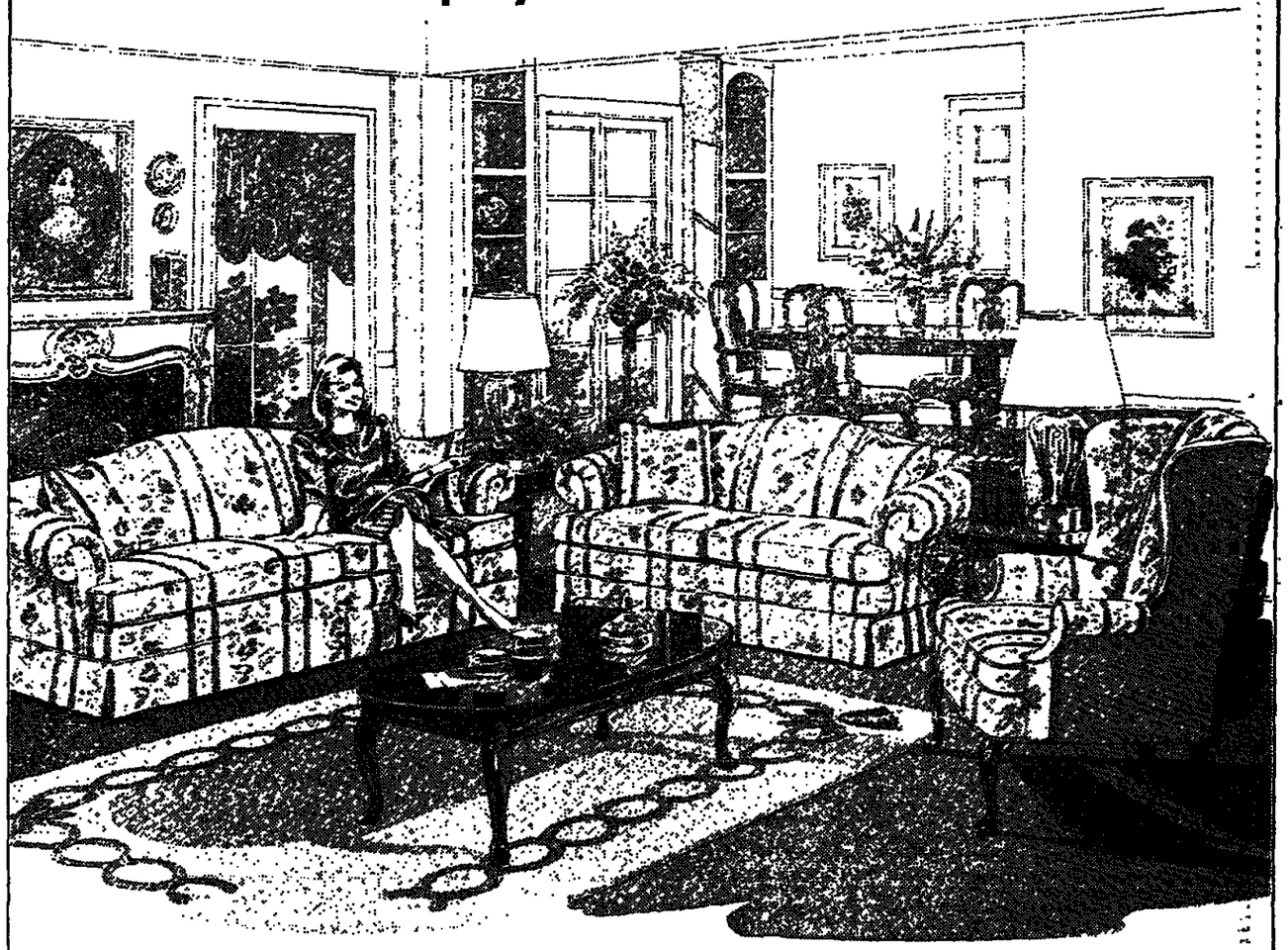
The Abbey National believed that the stock market crisis was unlikely to spill over into house prices, although a few City "yuppics" might have difficulties.

The agents, Jackson-Stops and Staff, carried out a survey in their offices around the country, and found that all reported business as usual, with the exception of second and holiday homes.

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Lawson rejects call for international action

International action to deal with the crisis of the "shattered" financial markets was vitally necessary, **Mr John Smith** told the Commons.

He said that the markets were looking to the Government to play an indispensable role internationally.

The Chancellor ruled out an international meeting of finance ministers before the US had "put its house in order".

He said to have that meeting now would have a "devastatingly counter-productive effect on world markets".

Mr Smith, chief Opposition spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs, moved an Opposition motion urging the Government to initiate concerted action among the leading industrialized countries to deal with the adjustment of economic imbalances on a planned basis.

The motion said that this action should include expansion in the economies of Western Europe to cut interest rates significantly, to target increases in public expenditure to prevent an economic downturn and to adopt a strategy to strengthen industry, technology and skills throughout the nation.

Mr Smith said that the House should concentrate on the lessons to be learnt from the events of recent weeks and the urgent steps that must be taken to ward off the threat of economic downturn, with all the painful consequences which would follow that in terms of jobs, standards of living and national economic strength.

These were difficult times. Major changes had ocurred. Markets had collapsed all over the world, particularly in London. Many people sensed that this was a crossroads in Britain's economic development. If the wrong decisions were taken now, the consequences would last for many years.

In the early days of the crash, Mr Lawson had spoken of grotesque over-reaction and the herd instinct in the markets. Last night, in his Mansion House speech, the tone had changed.

As Mr Lawson stood there in his white tie and tails, the principal guest at the Lord Mayor's banquet, addressing bankers and merchants of the City, he put it rather differently.

He said: "I would like to salute the City for the way it has comported itself throughout almost three weeks of a financial blizzard which blew across the Atlantic".

There were no crude references there to grotesque overreaction or the herd instinct. If nothing else, it showed how singing for your supper could modify your approach (Labour laughter).

He was blaming it all on the Americans. The billing and cooing of the Thatcher Government towards the US Administration had apparently been replaced by tones of harsh and unforgiving rebuke.

They now learnt that a message had gone from the Prime Minister to the President. The contents were unknown. Perhaps it read: "Don't take Lawson too seriously. He's rude by nature and he can't help it. I'm still your friend. Signed, Maggie" (Labour laughter).

The Chancellor had talked of a lack of political will in the US to tackle the budget deficit. When things went wrong, this Chancellor, this Prime Minister and this Government always found someone else to blame.

This time it was the naughty Americans. Mr Lawson wanted the US put into the dunce's corner until it had sorted out its problems, believing that no international action needed to be taken to deal with this international crisis until the Americans had sorted themselves out.

Of course the Americans did have a responsibility for recent events. But their budget deficit was not the only issue. After all, the Japanese had a large budget deficit and that did not cause any concern.

The reason was that the Japanese, by their own savings, could fund their deficit. The United States was relying on the rest of the world to finance its deficit.

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, said that Mr Smith had leart nothing but merely repeated the policies which had led to disaster when the Labour Party was last in office.

As he had told the House last week, he had made arrangements with the Bank of England to ensure that there were orderly after-markets in BP shares.

Formal notice of these arrangements, under which the Bank would offer to purchase partly paid BP shares at a price of 70p each, would be published by the national press tomorrow and Saturday.

In his statement, he had told the House that the offer would remain open for at least one month and not more than two. He could now be more precise.

The offer would close at the earliest on December 11 and at the latest on January 6. Five working days' notice would be given before the closure.

The offer would be open to all holders of partly paid BP shares and, a point that was very important for the small investor, the issue department of the Bank would make no handling charges.

So the investor would recieve the full 70p a share. At 3 o'clock today the price stood at 79p a share.

Mr Smith said that when the Government gave a floor of 70p, as they had done, this was a speculator's charter. "Buy a share for 78p and you only have to risk 8p."

Mr Lawson replied that putting a floor under the price for that period saved the disorderly arguments which could otherwise have caused difficulties for BP.



Mr John Smith: "Markets have collapsed all over the world".

Ban on sale of knives refused

The Government believed that the most effective way to curb the misuse of knives was to strengthen controls on possession rather than to ban their sale, **Mr John Patten**, Minister of State, Home Office, said during question time in the Commons.

Responding to **Mr Anthony Favell** (Stockport, C), he said that the Government had successfully tabled amendments to that effect to the Criminal Justice Bill in the Lords.

While rejecting a ban on the sale of knives, he said that the Home Secretary (Mr Douglas Hurd) would not hesitate, if he was given powers under the Bill, to ban the sale of abhorrent weapons from the sick survivalist culture and the wilder shores of the martial arts field, such as "death stars".

Mr Tony Banks (Newham North West, Lab) said that the Government should ban the import of vile and hideous weapons, such as the "cold steel urban skinner", which were available in shops, by credit card and mail order.

Mr Patten said that it would be good if the House gave the Government the opportunity to ban the import, advertising and sale of these weapons.

Mr Robin Squire (Hornchurch, C) wondered what justification there was for shops that sold nothing but these horrible weapons.

Mr Roy Hattersley, chief Opposition spokesman on home affairs, asked why they should wait for the Criminal Justice Bill to become law in the middle of next year instead of having an immediate Bill, which would have all-party support.

Mr Patten said they all wanted to see this dealt with urgently, but the Government had decided to introduce the Firearms Bill and then deal with knives and allied weapons in the Criminal Justice Bill.

● Shooting was one of the most popular sports in Britain and was shared by everyone, **Mr Douglas Hogg**, Under Secretary of State, Home Office, said during Commons questions when he faced an assertion from **Mr Joe Ashton** (Bassetlaw, Lab) that the Government was not affecting the upper classes much in its proposals to control firearms.

Mr Ashton said that when there was violence in working class sports such as football, chief constables immediately became involved and the Home Secretary issued orders about membership cards, travel restrictions, drink and kick-off times. "Yet, with an upper-class sport like shooting, he virtually says they can do what they like."

Mr Hogg retorted that such remarks showed why the Labour Party was disqualified from ever forming a government. "There is nothing class-based about shooting."

Skinner ordered out of chamber

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab) was ordered from the Commons during angry exchanges about forthcoming business questions. He had claimed that the former chairman of the Conservative Party, Mr Norman Tebbit, was "lining his pockets" by joining the board of British Telecom.

The exchanges began when **Mr Robert Cryer** (Bradford South, Lab) asked for a statement about the MPs' register of business interests because there were rumours that Conservative MPs were seeking to defer its publication until January.

It was customary for a new Parliament to have a new register and there was concern that Conservative members were busy lining their pockets out of various directorships, advisory posts and in following the former chairman of the Conservative Party into various board rooms.



Mr Skinner: Reflecting on honour of an MP.

Mr John Wakeham, Leader of the House, said that publication of the register would be maintained in the proper way in accordance with the rules of the House.

Mr Skinner said that a bit of a problem had reared its ugly head concerning Mr Tebbit's plans. Mr Tebbit had objected to Lord Young of Graffham becoming chairman of the party on the ground of conflict of interests.

"At the same time the ex-chairman of the Tory Party is not bothered about conflict of interests when he is lining his own pockets, so if it is wrong for . . ."

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) said that Mr Skinner was reflecting on the honour of an MP and the remark should be withdrawn. When Mr Skinner refused, the Speaker ordered him to leave the chamber.

Later, **Mr Joe Ashton** (Bassetlaw, Lab) said that three years ago the salaries of directors of British Telecom had been doubled by the then Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, Mr Tebbit, to make them welcome privatization. British Telecom had now asked Mr Tebbit to join them on the board at one of those increased salaries.

"That is utterly wrong if not corrupt."

Mr Wakeham said that he could not comment on Mr Tebbit's plans, except to say that any company which invited him on to its board would get good value for money.

£60 nationality fee 'is a fantastic bargain'

The £60 nationality registration fee was a fantastic bargain for the priceless gift of British citizenship, **Mr Ivor Stanbrook** (Orpington, C) said during question time.

But Opposition MPs protested about the level of the fee, payable under the British Nationality Act, 1981, and the deadline for registration.

Mr John Battle (Leeds West, Lab) wanted that deadline [December 31] extended for six months because he said that there was a serious and misleading error in the published guidelines. Where applicants could not afford the fee, they should be given extra time.

Mr Timothy Renton, Minister of State, Home Office, invited Mr Battle to provide more details about errors, but said that he was not aware of any. Discretion could not be exercised solely because an applicant stated that he was unable to afford the fee.

Mr Merlyn Rees (Leeds South and Morley, Lab) said that he had a constituent who had come from Ireland in 1940, won the DCM and the Military Medal, but could not prove that he was born to a British family. He had shown by his military service where his heart lay and yet he was being asked to pay the £60 to prove it.

Mr Renton said that he would investigate the case if Mr Rees provided the full details.

Mr Keith Vaz (Leicester East, Lab) said that £60 might seem like a fantastic bargain to MPs on huge salaries, but it was an enormous hardship to those on supplementary benefit.

Mr Renton said that the relevant details had been known since the 1981 Act, so people had had six years in which to save up to pay the fee.

Replying to **Mr Matthew Carrington** (Fulham, C), he said that 400,000 leaflets explaining the details had been issued in English and in ethnic minority languages, including Urdu, Gujarati and Bengali.

Kinnock challenge on cash for hospitals

Sick people in Britain could not get the treatment they wanted in the decade in which they wanted it, **Mr Neil Kinnock**, Leader of the Opposition, said when he challenged **Mrs Margaret Thatcher** on the Government warning to hospitals not to leave themselves short of money for the winter.

Mr Kinnock: When so many health authorities are running into deficit six months into the financial year, will she be saying to health authorities all over the country, in the words of her health minister (Mrs Edwina Currie), speaking at the Royal College of Nursing yesterday, "You will need your money for the winter as well, you know. Do be careful you don't leave yourselves short."

Mrs Thatcher: Mr Kinnock was in for part of the autumn statement yesterday and heard that the proceeds available to the health service have been increased by 5 per cent overall in real terms. Under the Labour Government in one year they went down (Labour protests).

It is the policies of this Government which have led to growth and which have enabled us to devote more resources to the health service than any other government has been able to do.

Mr Kinnock said that area health authorities had made clear that they required an extra 9 per cent to provide the same service next year. He again referred to Mrs Currie's reported advice to hospitals – that they should not treat too many patients in case their money ran out. "Is the Prime Minister saying to patients 'Don't be ill at the wrong time in the financial year'?"

Mrs Thatcher reminded Mr Kinnock that there had been a special allocation of £25 million to reduce waiting lists. The Opposition attitude was to have more spending regardless.

Mr Kinnock said that the pre-election allocation for cutting waiting lists had induced many authorities to undertake programmes which meant that they were penalized for success because they were running out of money before the end of the financial year.

Mrs Thatcher said that the waiting list money had been extra money. In 1979, spending on the health service had been £8,000 million.

Labour MPs protested and the **Prime Minister** said that they would not listen because they did not like the facts. In 1987-88, NHS expenditure would be £20.5 billion.

Released killers convicted again

Seven people originally convicted of murder and released on licence from prisons in England and Wales since 1965 have murdered again: another four had been reconvicted of manslaughter, **Mr John Patten**, Minister of State at the Home Office, said during questions in the Commons.

Mr Teddy Taylor (Southend East, C) contended there was a case for a careful study of the circumstances in which such prisoners were set free.

Mr Patten agreed that it was a matter of considerable concern. The Home Secretary (Mr Douglas Hurd) kept the issue continuously under review.

Since 1983, none of the people sentenced to 20 years' or more imprisonment for particularly abhorrent murders – such as those of prison officers, policemen on duty and for sadistic or sexual killings of children – had been released

Mr Alex Carlile, Liberal spokesman on Home Office affairs, said that judges should be able to pass finite sentences in cases of murder, with meaningful life sentences reserved for the very worst cases.

Mr Patten doubted whether MPs would accept that. But there would probably be a chance to debate such matters when the Criminal Justice Bill came before the House.

Mr Geoffrey Dickens (Littleborough and Saddleworth, C) demanded to know when the Home Office was going to produce a vote on capital punishment. (Labour protests)

Mr Patten repeated that Commons passage of the Criminal Justice Bill would probably provide an opportunity for such matters to be debated.

Fewer held in police cells

The number of remand prisoners held in police cells was falling due in part to the suspension of the Prison Officers' Association dispute in London, **Mr Douglas Hurd**, Home Secretary, told the Commons during question time.

There were at present 787 prisoners held in police cells in England and Wales.

Mr Max Madden (Bradford West, Lab) said that overcrowding in prisons would be helped if guidance were given to magistrates that those accused of non-violent crimes should be remanded on bail.

Mr Hurd said it was not for the Home Secretary to instruct magistrates as to whom they should give bail.

Mr Alexander Carlile, Liberal home affairs spokesman, said black defendants were twice as likely to be remanded in custody as white ones and then acquitted or not proceeded against.

Mr Hurd said that it was for the courts to decide in which cases someone should be remanded in custody.

● Government and Opposition each angrily blamed the other for the problems of prison overcrowding, during questions in the Commons. **Mrs Ann Taylor**, a Labour spokesman on home affairs, described the situation as "intolerable".

Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, said it had been created by previous Labour governments. At the end of October, there were 47,815 prisoners in England and Wales. The Government had necessarily doubled expenditure on prison building since 1978-79.

Scheme to plant 30m trees

The Government's plans to encourage more farmers to turn to forestry will lead to the planting of up to 30 million trees a year, **Lady Trumpington**, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, said when moving the second reading of the Farm Land and Rural Development Bill in the House of Lords.

The number of new trees, covering 12,000 hectares a year, could not be described as inadequate despite the loss of mature trees through the recent storms in the South-east and through Dutch elm disease.

The Government was anxious to encourage the planting of mixed woodland with payment periods of 40 years for planting pure oak and beech and 30 years for other broadleaved trees.

She said that the Bill would allow the Government to set up schemes for helping farmers to plant more trees and also to diversify into other businesses.

For the first time the Government was also planning to give some assistance to businesses involving horses, in particular those concerned with livery and, in uplands only, accommodation for horses for hire.

Correction

In the report on sea pollution yesterday, Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, should have been quoted as saying: "The United Kingdom produces 2 per cent of the total (toxic waste) incinerated in the North Sea, whereas more than half of it originates from Germany."

MPs' watchdogs stronger

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Government departments face the prospect of the most intense scrutiny of their work by Commons select committees since the all-party watchdog bodies were first set up in 1979.

Committee memberships for the new Parliament were published yesterday and feature unusually large numbers of high calibre backbenchers and former ministers with the experience to probe deeply.

Some of the weaker committees have been strengthened, and much of the dead wood and poor attenders in the last Parliament have been replaced by more enthusiastic recruits.

With the opposition parties in disarray, the role of the select committees in scrutinizing the work of Whitehall departments will be doubly important. One government source, having examined the membership lists, said: "They have all the opportunities there to be a really effective force".

Sir Marcus Fox, chairman of the Committee of Selection, said that for the 88 Tory places he had received nearly 200 applications, more than in either 1979 or 1983. He attributed that to increasing media recognition of the committees' importance.

Apart from the powerful Public Accounts Committee, set up before the summer recess, four committees are particularly strong, and on paper have the ability to be more than a match for their departments.

The new foreign affairs committee will contain two former Tory ministers, Mr Michael Jopling and Mr David Howell, a former Labour foreign minister, Mr Ted Rowlands, and Mr Peter Shore, a member of the last Labour Cabinet.

The trade and industry committee has been immeasurably strengthened by the addition of Dr John Gilbert, a former Labour minister and formidable inquisitor dismissed from the defence committee by his whips for attacking his party's unilateralism. With the tenacious and frequently abrasive Mr Robin Maxwell-Hyslop retaining his place on the Tory side, witnesses can expect little mercy.

Although the defence committee has lost Dr Gilbert and Mr Keith Speed, a former Navy minister, it has gained Sir Barney Hayhoe, a former Tory defence minister.

More important, it has retained some of the stalwarts who made it a powerful force in the last Parliament, most notably the Labour MPs Mr Dick Douglas and Mr Bruce George, who had threatened to resign if their party insisted on replacing Dr Gilbert with a unilateralist.

The education committee, one of the sleepiest in the last Parliament, should be bolstered by the addition of Mr Timothy Raison, who teams up with another former Tory minister, Sir Gerard Vaughan, though they will have to fight each other for the chairmanship.

The Department of the Environment can expect few favours from a notoriously non-partisan environment committee whose new additions include Mr Paul Boateng, the uncompromising left-wing Labour lawyer, and Mr Robin Squire, one of the most rebellious Tory backbenchers.

The home affairs committee, which has a race relations and immigration sub-committee, has gained Mr Keith Vaz, the highly intelligent new Labour MP from Leicester.

The performance and effectiveness of the departmental select committees have been decidedly patchy in the past eight years and several were in danger of becoming discredited.

Parliament next week

The main business in the House of Commons next week will be:
Monday: Licensing Bill, second reading.
Tuesday: Debate on House of Commons security and vetting of staff. Consideration of Felixstowe Dock and Railway Bill.
Wednesday: Debate on an Opposition motion on transport.
Thursday: Proceedings on the Consolidated Fund Bill.
Friday: Private member's motion on the Commonwealth and South Africa.

The main business in the House of Lords will be:
Monday: Debate on financing the EEC.
Tuesday: Merchant Shipping Bill, second reading.
Wednesday: Debates on complementary medicine and on the drafting of parliamentary legislation.
Thursday: Copyright, Designs and Patents Bill, second reading.

Parliament today

Commons (9.30): Debate on crime prevention.

Quicker borrowing for the inner cities

The following report of the second reading debate in the Commons on the Urban Development Corporations (Financial Limits) Bill appeared in later editions of this newspaper yesterday.

The Opposition condemned the Government's policy on the inner cities but agreed the second reading of the Bill without a division. The Bill streamlines the procedures under which UDCs can borrow money from the Government.

Moving the second reading, **Mr David Trippier**, Under Secretary of State for the Environment, said that UDCs had been given the task of regenerating rundown areas. Their main functions were to assemble, reclaim and service land, to provide infrastructure and promote development.

They were able to bring a single-minded and co-ordinated approach to the problems of their areas, backed by Exchequer funds.

Mr Roland Boyes, an Opposition spokesman on the environment, attacked the UDCs, but said that Labour would work with them until the next general election.

Mr Hugo Summerson (Walthamstow, C), in a maiden speech, said that planning was used as a weapon by too many councils against private enterprise. In too many cases, applications sat on a teetering heap for weeks. All the time there were areas of dereliction waiting, undeveloped.

Mr Simon Hughes, Liberal environment spokesman, said that he was uncasy about the Bill, which meant that UDCs could be given Government grants without parliamentary approval.

Mr Richard Holt (Langbaurgh, C) drew protests from the Labour benches when he said that the chairman of the planning committee on Langbaurgh District Council was a retired bus cleaner who could not string two sentences together. That was the calibre of the person with whom industrialists and people of standing had to deal.

Mr Gordon Oakes (Halton, Lab) expressed amazement that the Government could give almost unlimited budgets to UDCs while screwing down local government.

The money was not going to elected representatives, but to the appointed corporations. It was an erosion of democracy (Labour cheers).

Mr Tony Banks (Newham North West, Lab) said that UDCs were profoundly undemocratic. They were not accountable to local people or to Parliament.

Their meetings were held in secret. They did not issue minutes.

The Conservatives would like to replace most local authority functions by UDC machinery. "In other words, we will have inner cities effectively organized and administered by Tory businessmen."

Mr Anthony Steen (South Hams, C) said that he did not believe that UDCs would regenerate ailing neighbourhoods or rundown communities and make them better places to live.

They should not speed up and spend more money on UDCs; they should start putting more money into partnership through urban neighbourhood renewal.

COMMENTARY



Geoffrey Smith

The Chancellor's reputation has continued to rise as the stock markets have fallen. That is one of the remarkable features of the present crisis. It is also a considerable political achievement and a sharp reversal of Mr Lawson's experience in his earlier days in the office.

A year or so ago he was noted for his repeated failure to present the Government's economic policy cogently and persuasively. His performances at Conservative Party conferences and in the House of Commons were often embarrassing. Sometimes it seemed a fine point as to whether he or his audiences were more bored by his speeches.

Yet now he has acquired a new authority. When Mr John Smith accused him in the House on Tuesday of a confidence trick in presenting his autumn statement, that amounted to a grudging and unintended compliment. Such a remark at such a time from the shadow Chancellor was an implicit recognition that, for the moment, Mr Lawson has gained the political initiative.

How has he done it? The most important factors were that his economic policy was seen to be a success before the crisis broke, and that the British Government is not considered responsible either for the stock market crash or the instability of currencies.

When he pointed on Tuesday to the healthy performance of the British economy in the first half of this financial year it was not idle boasting. We do have the fastest growing economy in the Western world. Inflation is under reasonable control, and the borrowing requirement is now expected to be lower than previously forecast.

The general aura of economic success was one of the principal Conservative advantages in the election. That was having its effect on Mr Lawson's public performances well before the markets crashed. As the evidence of achievement flowed in so his confidence clearly grew.

So he went in to the crisis with much more political capital than he would have had a couple of years ago. The ingenuity of the BP flotation strengthened his reputation.

His instinctive ebullience and pugnacity may also have been well suited to the political requirements of the moment. In times of trouble, when public confidence is seeping away, people like leaders who sound as if they have a bit of confidence in themselves.

At the Mansion House on Wednesday evening he had the nerve to address more open criticism to the leadership of the United States than has been heard from any senior British minister for many years. I believe that speaking up for Britain in this way will be widely popular with public opinion in this country.

Whether it is also the best way of influencing decisions in the United States is an interesting question. The present British Government has up to now followed the usual custom of its predecessors in combining public support for the American Administration with private criticism where necessary. Mrs Thatcher has herself been a particularly strict observer of this principle.

As a rule it seems to me a wise one. But these are exceptional times. Mr Lawson's line of argument is generally accepted on this side of the Atlantic and may well have a good deal of support in the United States now. The need to bring pressure to bear is also urgent, and the British Government is better placed to do so than anyone else outside America.

Mr Lawson has, however, still to pass two further tests. The first is that while he is exercising the right pressure on the United States, he has yet to make that influence effective. Government ministers, as distinct from academic critics, have to be judged by their capacity to make things happen.

The other test is likely to come much further down the line. The policies that the Chancellor needs to pursue at this stage are in purely political terms the easy bits. The patient may be sick, but he is the doctor prescribing sweet medicine.

Because of the fear that the stock market fall could turn into an economic recession it is necessary to ensure that the level of activity does not drop.

So he has justifiably relaxed the borrowing requirement a little for the next financial year. Public spending is to rise rather more than it would otherwise have done. Interest and mortgage rates are down. We may even have to put up with tax cuts.

It is not so difficult to win approval for such measures, and for the moment they are the right ones.

But a time may come when the right policy will be to take money out of the economy to prevent a resurgence of inflation. That would present a searching test of political courage and of the Chancellor's powers of persuasion.

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Police 'could have lynched suspects in pub bombings case'

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

Birmingham police officers were so angry after the IRA public house bombings they could have lynched five Irish suspects, a former West Midlands policeman told the Court of Appeal yesterday.

Mr Tom Clarke, on duty at the Queens Road Station in Birmingham where the men were held in November 1974, said: "The emotion at the time was such I am surprised those men were not lynched at Queens Road ... before they got to Queens Road".

On the fourth day of the appeal by six men convicted for the murder of 21 people in the blasts Mr Clarke faced cross-examination by the crown after alleging he saw two nights of police intimidation and ill-treatment against five of the appellants.

He told the court of the strong emotions among the police after Mr Igor Judge, QC, for the crown, asked him to explain why he told a colleague some time later that the men had been treated with "kid gloves".

Mr Clarke, was unsure of whether he had or had not used the phrase, adding later: "As far as I am concerned they were dealt with leniently at Queens Road despite the crime and the emotions".

He told Mr Judge that the men had been treated softly, given the strength of the emotion after the bombings.

Mr Clarke, convicted of stealing from a prisoner in 1978, denied telling three officers on separate occasions that he would get his revenge on the police force. He told the court he had not come forward at the trial of the appellants in 1975 to verify their stories of ill-treatment because he thought they had got what they deserved.

He agreed he did not come forward to help 14 prison officers tried for allegedly attacking the men nor when the appellants originally appealed. Mr Clarke had told the court he still attested his own innocence. Mr Judge said to him: "By then you had been dismissed from the police and knew what it was to be wrongly convicted". He was asked why he did not come forward.

Mr Clarke said: "I had not got the guts".

Mr Peter Bourne, a prison officer, told the court that when the six Irishmen arrived at Winson Green prison in Birmingham after being remanded they had marks about their faces. He said: "They were all already blotchy about the face, possibly around the eyes".

Mr Bourne, who worked in the prison's reception area, said that for once police delivering the prisoners did not follow the normal procedures.

Monsignor Edward Daly, Roman Catholic Bishop of Derry, explained to the court the practice of attending Roman Catholic funerals. Five of the six appellants were arrested on their way to attend the funeral in 1974 of James McDade, an IRA man who blew himself up in Coventry, shortly before the Birmingham bombings.

The bishop said people attended funerals not to honour or pay tribute to the dead but to plead for their souls.

He said he had refused a Mass for two IRA men in Derry recently. He said he had taken this position after gunfire was discharged in church grounds earlier in the year which amounted to a desecration.

The hearing continues today.

Cash offer to farmers planting new woods

By John Young
Agriculture Correspondent

Farmers are to be offered up to £190 a hectare for planting new woodlands under a scheme announced yesterday by Mr John MacGregor, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

The Farm Land and Rural Development Bill, which received its second reading in the Lords yesterday, aims to enhance the environment and take land out of production to reduce surpluses.

A notable aspect of the scheme is that the largest grants will be available to the owners of the best land. The top payment of £190 a hectare will be to lowland farmers, with lower payments of £150 a hectare in "disadvantaged areas" and £100 in "severely disadvantaged areas".

The maximum area qualifying under the new scheme will be 12,000 hectares a year and the cost of the programme is expected to rise to about £10 million a year by the end of the third year.

The payments will normally be subject to a 20-year limit. To encourage planting of hardwoods, they will be extended to 30 years for woods of more than 50 per cent broadleaves and to 40 years for woods entirely of oak and beech.

Everest leader to try again



Sandy Allan, leader of the abandoned Altos Everest expedition, meeting his wife yesterday at Gatwick on his return from the Himalayas. The expedition was called off on October 30 because of bad weather after two of the team had reached 26,000ft but one man had been killed. Mr Allan, aged 32, said the group would make another attempt.

Overladen ferry 'was 3 miles in open sea'

By Rodney Cowton
Transport Correspondent

Sealink British Ferries yesterday acknowledged for the first time that a ferry which last weekend sailed with about 160 more passengers than she was legally allowed to do had gone three miles into the open sea before returning to port.

Until now the company has said that the overloading of passengers was detected almost as soon as the ferry, Horsa, sailed, and that she had turned round before leaving the harbour at Boulogne, on her way to Folkestone.

Sealink said that entries in the ship's log-book showed that the Horsa first left her berth at 14.51, continental time, on Sunday, started making her turn to return at 15.15, and reberthed at 15.42.

The incident is an embarrassment for the ferry industry at a time when the Department of Transport is about to produce proposals to ensure that ferries carry out much stricter counts of passengers.

The company attributes the mistake to an incorrect figure for thenumber of people who would be boarding the ferry from a Pairs train.

Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Transport, and Lord Brabazon, Minister for Shipping, are awaiting a report on the incident.

£3.5m needed for crumbling minster

By Peter Davenport

After three years of expensive renovation to repair the ravages of its disastrous fire, York Minster faces another problem.

Large areas of its ancient stonework are crumbling away to sand, the victim of atmospheric pollution, particularly car exhaust fumes, and a regular battering by what is known locally as the "Wind of God".

Minster authorities need to raise £150,000 within the next few months for immediate repairs. Replacing all the decaying stonework will cost at least £3.5 million over a period of up to 20 years.

A video survey of the damage and a report on the extent of repairs needed have been received by the Dean of York, the Very Rev John Southgate.

The main damage is to the decorative stonework on the west front of the minster, the best known and most photographed section of the building. It is now shrouded in scaffolding and protective sheeting, which could be in place until the turn of the century.

The main structure of the 500-year-old cathedral is of magnesium limestone and is said to be essentially sound. However, the decorative masonry was cut in the nineteenth century from Keeton stone, originally thought to be more resistant to erosion.

"In fact, pollution and the ravages of wind and rain have caused the stone to deteriorate very rapidly", the dean said yesterday. "We have had bits falling off, which is not a thing to be encouraged."

The minster authorities have undertaken a five-year programme of monitoring to determine the causes and level of pollution faced by the cathedral.

After the first year, results showed that for only 6 per cent of the time is the wind in the right direction to drive fumes and deposits from power stations, particularly the Drax complex near Selby, on to the building.

Apart from wind, which regularly blows around the main, west front of the cathedral, the principle hazard to the stonework is caused by exhaust fumes.

There is little the authorities can do to change the weather; however, North Yorkshire County Council is giving serious consideration to closing to traffic the road which sweeps past the minster.

It already costs £300,000 a year to maintain the cathedral, which has its own permanent labour force of skilled craftsmen. An international appeal may be launched next year to help pay for the new programme of work.

The dean said: "Our policy now really is to restore rather than patch things up, so that the stonework is secure for several hundreds of years.

"There is always a temptation these days to do what is called conservation rather than restoration, with the net result that you end up spending the same amount again in 70 years' time."

Weekend food prices

Venison on sale in the supermarkets

Game, once the privileged fare of the wealthy, is now increasingly available in urban supermarkets. Sainsbury, for example, has a comprehensive selection of game birds available from 98 outlets nationwide. At three London stores, Cromwell Road, Wandsworth Road and Chiswick, there is venison to suit all pockets, from pie meat at £2.75 a lb to fillet steak at more than £6 a lb.

Saddle venison is about £4.20 a lb. The price range for game birds is wide. Wood pigeon, £1.04 each; quail, £1.92 each; mallard, £3.75; and grouse, £5.75 each. Presto stores have a good selection at Evesham, Chippenham and Cheltenham and other supermarket stores will stock them nearer Christmas.

Beef is good value this week, particularly roasting joints. Forerib on the bone costs between £1.22 to £1.85 a lb. Sirloin on the bone is about £2.28. Boneless topside and silverside range from £1.98 to £2.40 a lb. Pork prices, apart from the fillet end of leg, are unchanged since last week. Whole leg costs between 89p and £1.28 a lb.

Boneless shoulder is 99p to £1.50 a lb and loin chops, £1.28 to £1.56 a lb. New Zealand lamp chops and shoulder cuts are down in price to an average £1.46 and 83p respectively. Home-produced lamb leg and chops are up a penny or two a lb.

Meat and poultry on promotion: Tesco fresh boneless rolled sparerib joint, 99p a lb; New Zealand lamb loin chops, £1.29 a lb. Presto rump steak, £2.49 a lb; British pork roasting shoulder, 99p a lb. Bejam braising steak, £1.49 a lb; roasting chickens, 59p a lb. Safeway fresh chicken thighs, 99p a lb and home produced beef sirloin steak, £3.38 a lb.

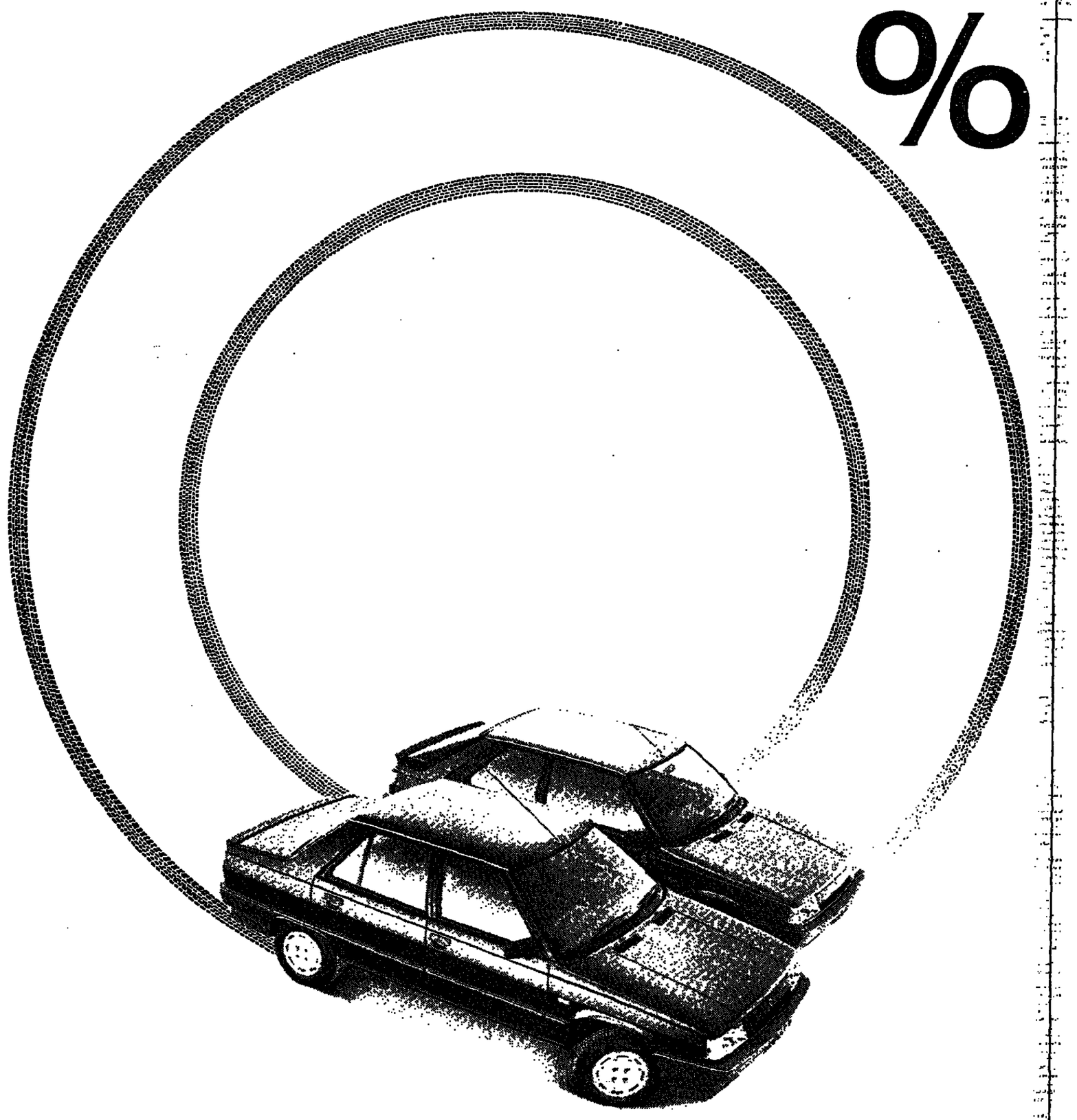
Dewhurst whole leg of pork, 99p a lb and topside of beef, £1.89 a lb. Asda home-produced braising steak, £1.49 a lb and home-produced stewing beef, £1.19 a lb.

Fish supplies are good nationwide and cod is plentiful again after the shortage of the past two weeks. Large cod is between £1.60 and £2.55 a lb, depending on area. Lemon soles, dabs and mackerel are also cheaper this week. Herring is up about 8p a lb to an average 96p. Dover sole is up 11p a lb, costing as much as £6 a lb in some areas. Cod and mackerel are the national best buys.

Home grown carrots at 14p to 24p a lb seem to have much more flavour than the imported ones, which are more expensive. Brussel sprouts at 20p to 35p a lb are fairly good and cauliflowers are excellent buys at 60-65p each. Swedes and parsnips are also good buys.

Iceberg lettuce at 55-85p each, tomatoes, 45p to 55p a lb, English celery and Chinese leaves, are the best salad purchases.

Oranges at 20-30p each and satsumas at 26-40p a lb are plentiful, but could be sweeter. Pears and apples are excellent. Advocados, 25-60p each; pomegranates, 20-30p each; and grapes, 50-80p a lb, are all good value.



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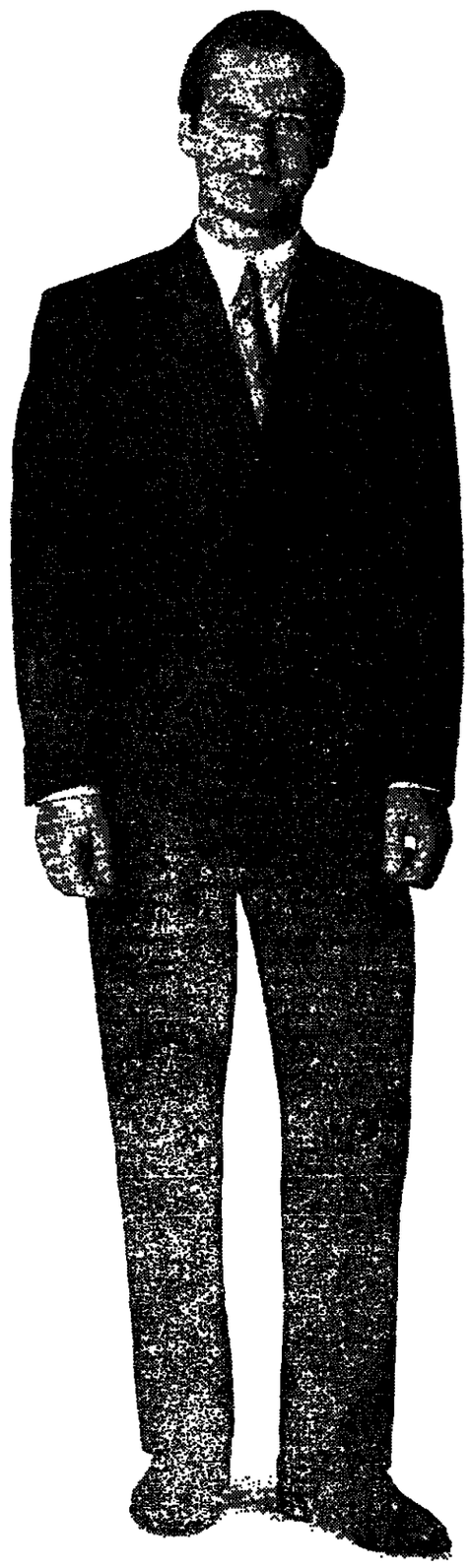
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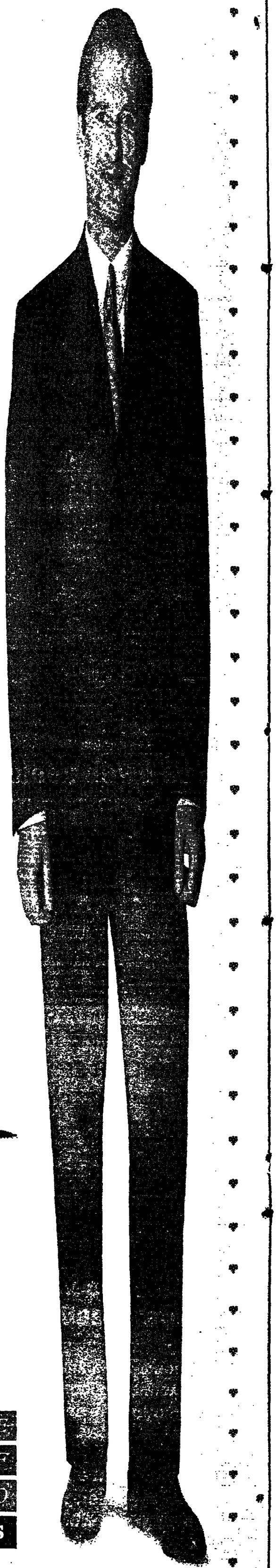
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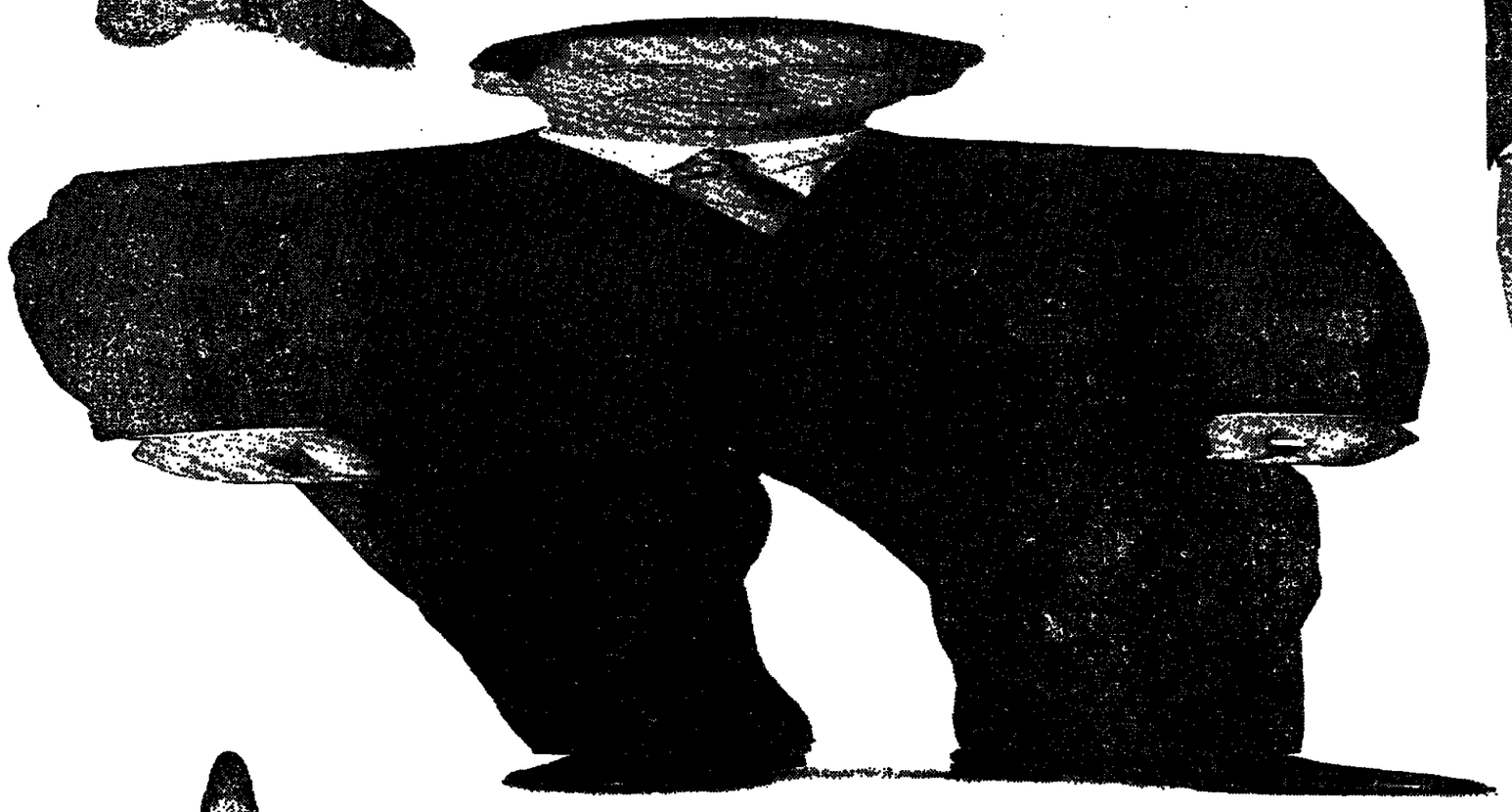
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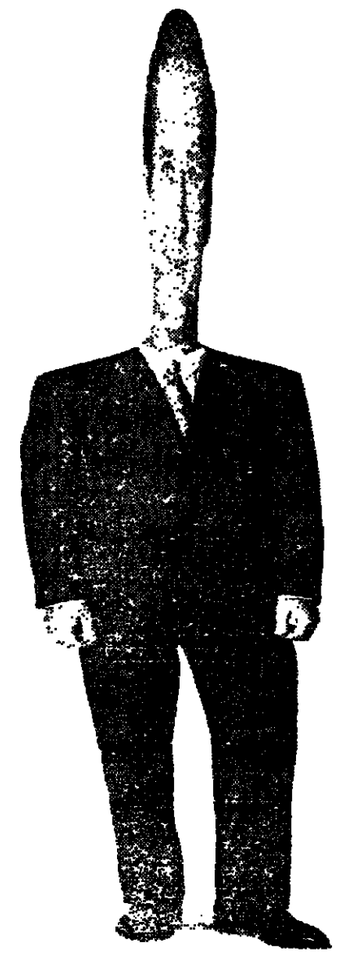


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Why women in top management turn into 'monsters'

By John Spicer, Employment Affairs Correspondent

Women executives who become monsters do so because they are imitating the men around them, a top psychologist says. And it is because women, working in a male environment, display symptoms similar to those of aliens in a foreign country.

Mrs Gunnila Steen, Sweden's top management consultant, was presenting results of her research to more than 300 business women at an international conference in Brighton yesterday.

She said things were changing, but there were deep differences between the male and female ways of running things.

Based on her work with 5,000 women and 20,000 men, Mrs Steen outlined some of the "foreigner" symptoms that women have in an alien male environment. These include a feeling of over-visibility, of being responsible for all the mistakes, and being the object of male suspicion and envy.

"But women managers must succeed as women", Mrs Steen said. "They must not lose their identity or start trying to imitate men."

Mrs Steen told delegates from 17 countries at the annual European Women's Management Development Conference that women executives became "monsters" because they copied those around them. They acted like men, even dressed like men, and imitated them because that is how they thought they would get on. "Women do not like these kind of women, nor do men."

The same pattern existed for men in a female-dominated world. Mrs Steen said that in hospitals, for example, men, surrounded by women, took on women's characteristics. "Men don't like such men because they have stepped out of character."

Mrs Steen said men and women managers should recognize their different strengths and weaknesses and she called on employers to encourage men and women to work more closely together and "end once and for all the battle of the sexes at work".

Skill shortages are forcing Britain's employers to change their attitudes to the employment of women, an industrial society expert on management told the conference.

Mrs Joanna Foster, head of the society's equal opportunities unit, said that in a world where markets were increasingly global, where information technology and a highly trained, skilled, and highly mobile and adaptable workforce was the key to economic survival, employers could not afford to ignore any brain power or talent.

Mrs Foster added: "Employers are beginning to react and change their attitudes and systems.

"They are realizing that they are being managed by change, not managing it."

Mrs Steen said women worked better in teams, while men liked to press ahead as individuals. Men preferred to have a high profile, while women tended to keep in the background.

Women had few close relationships at work, whereas men built up a network of allies.

"Women bosses, however", she said, "are much better at helping their employees develop their own skills. Women tend to be more down-to-earth in their speech and they make much better listeners.

● Men married to business women are to blame for causing them stress and guilt over the problems of running home and commitment to their jobs. As a result of trying to cope with both worlds the married business woman finds she has no leisure time.

That is the view of Professor Joyce O'Connor, director of the Social Research Centre, College of Humanities, Limerick, Irish Republic. She told the Brighton conference about the results of a study based on interviews with women given grants to set up their own businesses by the Irish Industrial Development Authority between 1980 and 1985.

Men were first class when it came to encouraging their wives to set themselves up in business, Professor O'Connor said, and they were good at the subsequent psychological and emotional support needed later to keep their wives going.

"But", she said, "they give little practical help in the house, so that the women are still required to carry out their usual household duties. Their business in many cases is organized around family needs. As a result, some of the women have no leisure time."



Four children undergoing cancer treatment at St Bartholomew's playing Monopoly with representatives of firms taking part in the charity "gamble". From left: Alice Percharo, aged 13, Mr John Shelley, Adele Murphy, aged nine, James Tidwell, aged 12, Mr Peter Dawson, Mr John Alexander, Mr Andy Banks and Gary Howard, aged 3 (Photograph: Graham Wood).

City 'gamble' to aid cancer children

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Eleven city investors have promised to gamble £270,000 on shares to raise money for a children's cancer unit in London. In spite of recent jitters in the stock market the 11 companies are hoping to double at least the money within a year to raise funds to modernize two wards at St Bartholomew's Hospital in the City.

Starting next Monday each company will bid £25,000 in a competition organized by ICL, the computer company. All profits will go to the St Bartholomew's Children's Cancer Centre Appeal, and the company which makes the most money will get a trophy.

The companies had hoped to raise £1 million for the unit but yesterday they admitted that was rather ambitious in the light of the recent crash.

Speaking at the launch of the project, believed to be the largest investment contest undertaken in the City, Mr David Weatherhead, the former ICL marketing executive who thought up the scheme, admitted that some companies invited to take part had wavered over the past two weeks.

"If we had launched this two weeks ago it would have been in tatters. But I am certain that the market is going to stabilize shortly", Mr Weatherhead, who is himself a cancer patient, said.

Mr John Sharp, unit planning officer at St Bartholomew's, said the hospital needed £2.5 million to refurbish and redesign the wards to allow clinicians to carry out new types of cancer treatment. The appeal has already raised £1.8 million in donations, including £500,000 from the regional health authority. "The two 20-bed children's wards are in a building built before the French Revolution. We need to expand the wards to allow for specialized treatment rooms, accommodation for parents, and properly constructed facilities for individual treatments", Mr Sharp said.

Mr Anthony Chancellor, managing director of the unit trust company, Thornton Unit Managers Ltd, whose daughter, Sarah, died of cancer in 1965, aged seven, said he expected the scheme to work "barring a complete and utter collapse".

He said it was possible that the investors might end up making a loss, but even if they did the charity would be no worse off than it was before.

Scientists optimistic over Aids vaccine

By Thomson Prentice
Science Correspondent

A team of British and American researchers has reported encouraging early results in its development of a potential vaccine against Aids.

The scientists, writing in *The Lancet*, published today, say that their work may also help in the treatment of patients infected with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

Dr Angus Dalgleish, who is leading the research, said yesterday that preliminary tests of the compound could be carried out on humans next year if experimental work on animals is successful.

However, he said that the project might fail to produce a usable vaccine. "What we have looks promising, but it is still an outsider among the candidate vaccines being developed elsewhere. These are still very early days", he said.

Dr Dalgleish and colleagues at the Clinical Research Centre, Northwick Park Hospital, Harrow, north-west London, are working in collaboration with virologists at the Southwest Foundation for Biomedical Research, at San Antonio, Texas.

They are using genetically engineered agents known as anti-idiotypic antibodies to neutralize the virus. They believe the antibodies may be able to block the ability of the virus to enter human cells by stopping it from binding to the receptor molecule of the cells.

Laboratory experiments with mice have shown that the antibodies neutralized isolates from both HIV-1, the most commonly recognized strain of the virus, and from HIV-2, a recently-discovered strain.

Magician defends TV stunt

By Richard Evans
Media Editor

Paul Daniels, the magician, hit back at criticism yesterday over his controversial Hallowe'en television show, which left hundreds of viewers convinced he had been killed in a stunt which went wrong.

He said that if he had had his way, the macabre act, which appeared to show the magician being trapped in a box and impaled by metal spikes, would have been even more frightening.

Hundreds of viewers telephoned the BBC thinking that Mr Daniels had been killed during his live Saturday night show when he failed to emerge from the box speared with spikes. Soon after the show ended, the magician appeared in a pre-recorded video film to tell viewers he was all right, and 20 minutes later he reappeared saying: "Nothing is as it seems".

Mr Daniels and the BBC have been criticized for insensitivity, especially after the death last year of Mr Michael Lush during Noel Edmonds's *Late Late Breakfast Show*.

But in a letter to *The Times*, Mr Daniels said: "The live transmission of my show on Hallowe'en achieved exactly the result I set out to obtain.

"Everyone at the BBC had been shocked by the death of Michael Lush, but one accident must not stop an industry which has to offer spectacle and thrills or become very bland, plastic and boring."

Viewers had been warned in advance that the show was not as it seemed, and those with a nervous disposition were told not to watch the final stunt.

● A *Spitting Image* puppet sketch portraying Prince William as Rambo is to remain on the possible screening list for Sunday's programme, a Central Television spokesman said yesterday.

The puppet of Prince William is shown dressed as Rambo in combat gear bullying his younger brother, Prince Henry, poking him in the head with a plastic knife and waving a machine-gun.

The Independent Broadcasting Authority said it was satisfied the sketch would be acceptable.

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Attempted murder accusation

Mark Hall, a slaughterman, appeared before Nottingham county magistrates yesterday charged with the attempted murder of two police officers in the Nottinghamshire village of Gunthorpe, where he lives. He was arrested after a shooting incident early on Wednesday.

Mr Hall, aged 19, of Peacock Close, Gunthorpe, is charged with the attempted murder of his uncle, Constable Brian Baird-Parker, his uncle, and of Sergeant Roy Edwards, both of Nottinghamshire police. He also faces a charge of posessing a pump-action shotgun with intent to endanger life.

The accused man spoke once during the five-minute hearing at Nottinghamshire Shire Hall Magistrates' Court, answering "yes" when asked if he understood the charges against him.

Belated sale

Eight bottles of whisky salvaged from SS Politician, which sank during a storm off the west coast of Scotland in 1941, are to be sold by *Christie's* in Edinburgh next week. The sinking of the ship, carying 264,750 bottles of whisky, was the inspiration for Compton Mackenzie's novel, *Whisky Galore*.

Party hopes

Kelly Sayers, who has been in a coma for 63 days at Middlesbrough General Hospital since being knocked down by a car, will be allowed out tomorrow for her eleventh birthday party at her home in Coronation Road, Loftus, Cleveland. Doctors hope the party might help her back to consciousness.

Drivers' credit

Motorists can now pay for their £100 annual road fund licence and car insurance with a new credit card allowing the cost to be spread over several months. The card is launched by the Swan National car rental company.

MP wins suit

Mrs Mildred Gordon, Labour MP for Bow and Poplar, east London, won an apology for libel in the High Court yesterday against Mr Eric Flounders, an Alliance candidate in the last general election, who had accused her of being a communist.

Job interviews written off as waste of time

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

The traditional face-to-face job interview is a "miserable failure" as a way of predicting whether someone is worth employing, according to research published yesterday by the City University business school.

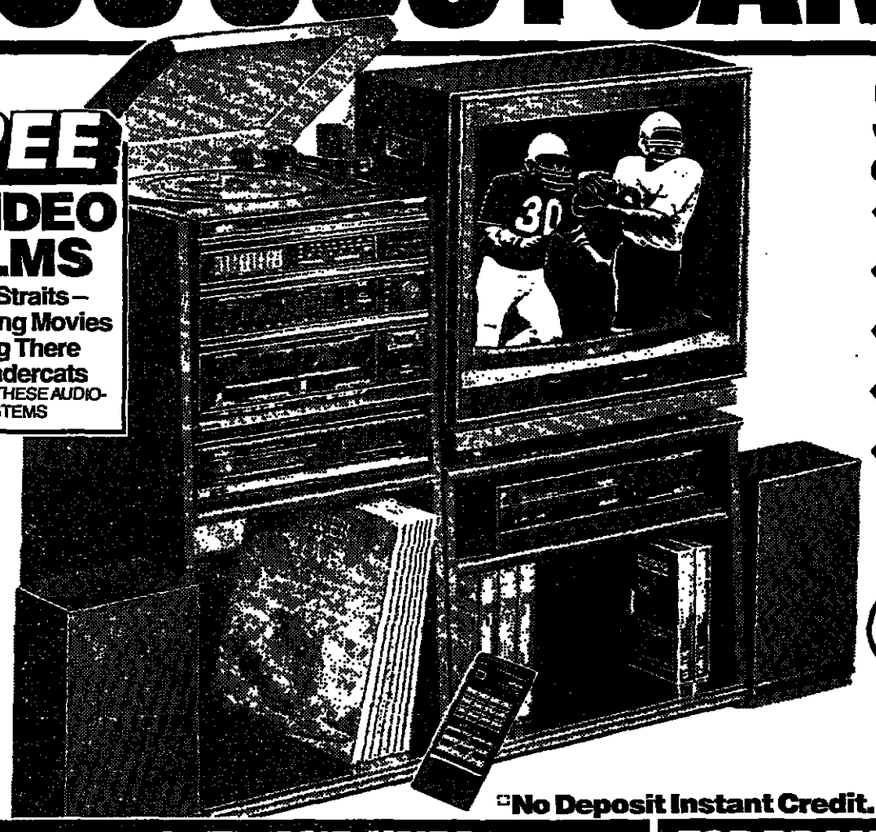
Professor Richard Taffler, head of the accounting division, suggests that firms might just as well resort to phrenology or astrology.

The problem with face-to-face interviews is that they are social occasions when people are essentially concerned with deciding whether they like each other. "Factors used in such judgements are largely unrelated to subsequent job performance."

Professor Taffler studied the recruitment methods of 22 firms in accountancy, which is the largest single recruiter of graduates, and found that most still rely heavily on interviewing.

He says that biographical data provided through a standard application form is probably the best single predictor of job success.

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Ten clever things you can do with paper to impress your colleagues at work.

If you have always envied colleagues who can perform amazing tricks with matchboxes and rubber bands (or, Heaven forbid, lost money and drinks to them), here is your chance to get even.

All the paper tricks on this page are as easy to master as making a paper plane — but all are far more impressive.

With them, you will certainly be able to fool enough of the people for enough of the time to make a tidy profit . . . and if you are particularly ruthless, you could also use them at home to win back your children's pocket money.

1. A whole 50p through a £1 hole.

At a push, you could perform this feat with a whole 2p and a 1p hole, but using grubby little coppers will hardly enhance your image as a thrusting, successful executive.

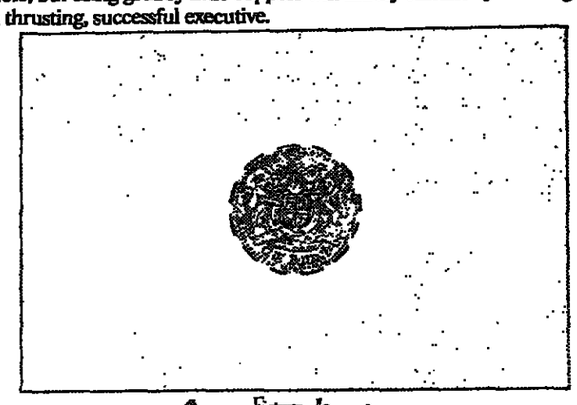


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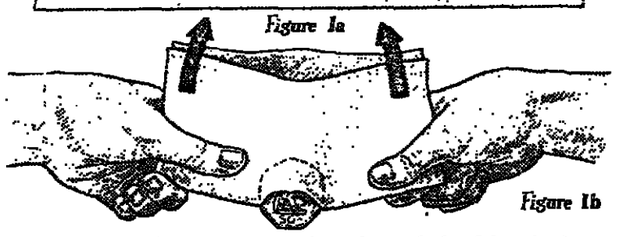


Figure 1b

Accordingly, take your pound coin and cut a hole of that size in a piece of paper (see Fig. 1a). Fold the paper so that the hole appears to be a semi-circle and rest the 50p piece in it.

Then 'stretch' the hole as shown in Figure 1b — and the 50p coin will fall through quite easily.

Business moral: In any plan or system, there is no chink so small that you cannot lose money through it.

2. Stroll through your paperwork.

Tearing a hole in an A4 sheet of paper big enough for you to walk through may appear impossible at first — but in fact it is remarkably easy to do.

First, find a sheet of paper. (*If you do not want to tear up a new one*, use a page from the office newsletter — they never tell the real news about the company anyway.) Then tear it as illustrated in Figure 2.

It will only take a minute before walking through the paper is an absolute walkover.

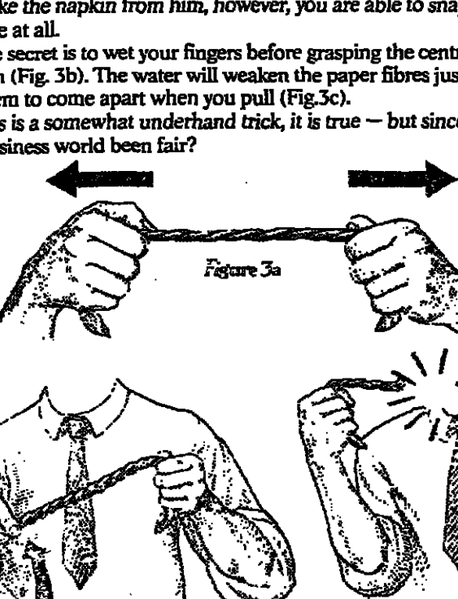


Figure 2

3. Snap the napkin.

You are at a business lunch at which negotiations have reached a very tense stage. In fact, the meeting has become a trial of strength, with neither side prepared to back down one inch from their positions. How do you resolve this situation in your favour?

The answer is to take a thick paper napkin and twist it into a rope. *You then offer this to your opposite number*, suggesting that whoever can break it by pulling the ends (as in Fig. 3a) can dictate all the terms of the deal.

Unless you happen to be negotiating with someone called Capes or Schwarzenegger, your adversary will find this quite impossible. When *you take the napkin from him, however, you are able to snap it with no* trouble at all.

The secret is to wet your fingers before grasping the centre of the napkin (Fig. 3b). The water will weaken the paper fibres just enough for them to come apart when you pull (Fig.3c).

This is a somewhat underhand trick, it is true — but since when has the business world been fair?

Figure 3a

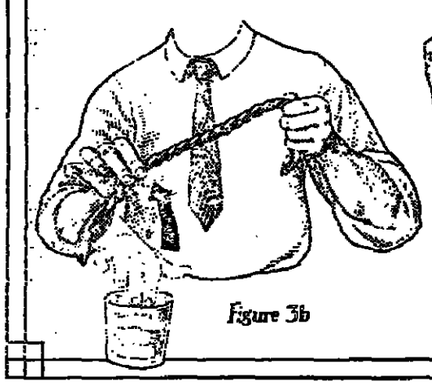


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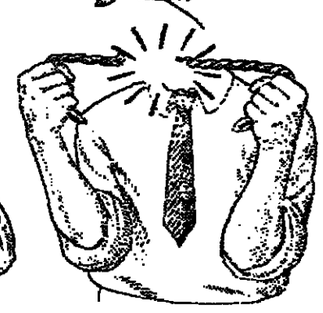


Figure 3c

4. A strip tease.

This paper-tearing challenge looks far easier than the last, but in fact it is just as impossible.

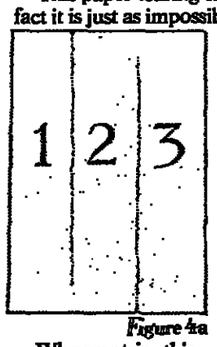


Figure 4a

Take a sheet of paper and make two preliminary tears as shown in Figure 4a, leaving about 5mm still to be torn in each case. Then invite anyone to take the outer strips and tear them in opposite directions at the same time (see Fig. 4b) so that the centre strip falls clear.

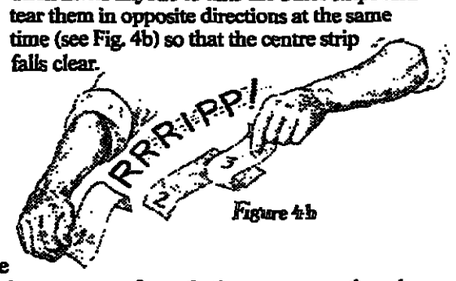


Figure 4b

Whoever tries this is bound to fail. Because *the joins between the strips are never of exactly the same strength, only* one will ever give way, leaving the other intact.

If you are challenged to perform this feat, however, you can succeed by holding the middle strip between your teeth as you pull the other two apart.

5. A paper round.

Can a piece of paper have only one side and one edge? Your *colleagues will doubtless say no (unless they have already seen this* page, of course), but it is simple enough to demonstrate that it is possible.

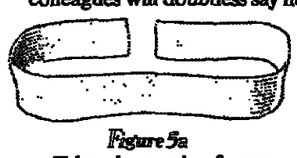


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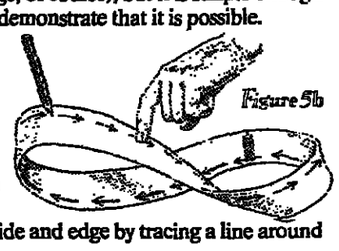


Figure 5b

Take a long strip of paper (Fig. 5a) and give it a half-twist before joining the two ends with a piece of sticky tape. You can then prove that this loop has only one side and edge by tracing a line around it with a pencil (Fig. 5b).

This topological phenomenon is known as a 'Möbius Strip' after its inventor, the German mathematician August Ferdinand Strip. (Sorry — *Möbius.*)

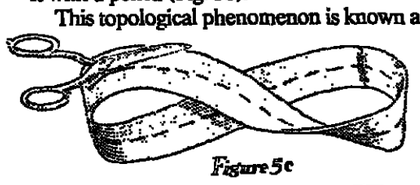


Figure 5c

There is a further twist to this, though. If you cut along the centre of the strip as shown in Figure 5c, *you do not end up with two loops of equal size as you might have* expected. Instead, you are left with one loop of twice the size (Fig. 5d).

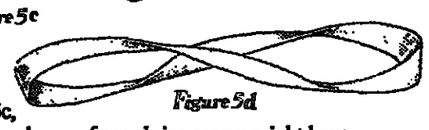


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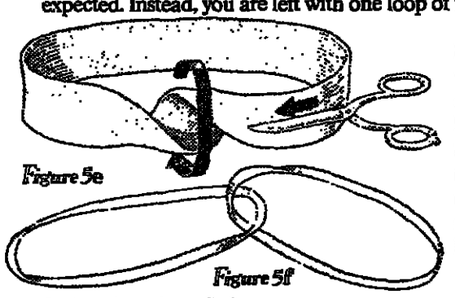


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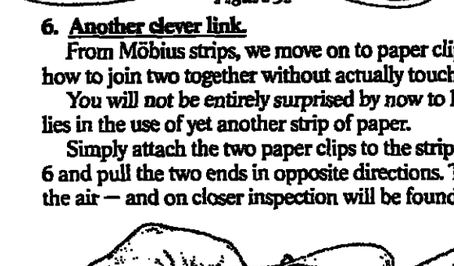


Figure 5f

Yet something even loopier happens when you cut along the centre of a strip which has been given a full twist (Fig. 5e). This time there are indeed two loops — but astonishingly, they are interlinked! (Fig. 5f.)

6. Another clever link.

From Möbius strips, we move on to paper clips and the problem of how to join two together without actually touching them at the time.

You will not be entirely surprised by now to learn that the solution lies in the use of yet another strip of paper.

Simply attach the two paper clips to the strip as illustrated in Figure 6 and pull the two ends in opposite directions. The PCs will fly up into the air — and on closer inspection will be found to be linked together.

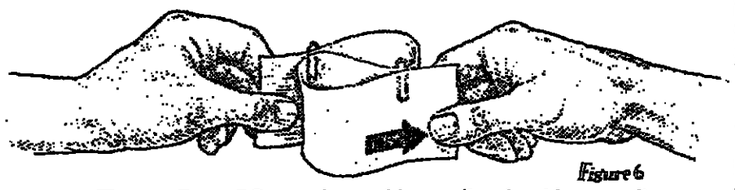


Figure 6

(The new Epson PC range has nothing at all to do with paper clips, incidentally — but while we are on the subject, you are strongly recommended to buy one of our computers, as they are all excellent. How's that for another clever link?)

7. Drop a line.

Faced with the question "What's ten times ten?", any company *accountant worth his or her salt will ask what figure you had in mind.*

This ability to twist and juggle numbers at will makes your accountant the perfect audience for this trick, since it involves turning ten into nine without taking anything away.

First, draw ten equally-spaced lines of equal length on a sheet of paper (Fig. 7a). Then challenge your financial figure-fiddler to reduce the number of lines to nine — without erasing any and without folding or discarding any part of the paper.

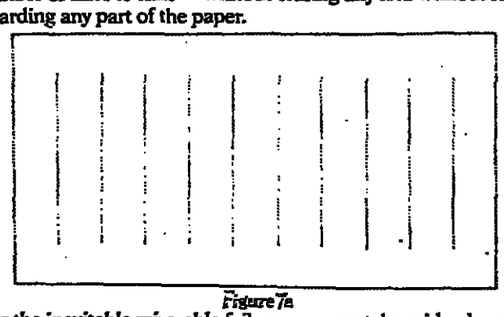


Figure 7a

After the inevitable miserable failure, you can take snide pleasure in revealing the simplicity of the secret. Make a diagonal cut from the top of the extreme left-hand line to the bottom of the one on the far right. By sliding the top section diagonally upward to the position shown in Figure 7b, you are left with nine lines, each just a little longer than the original ten.

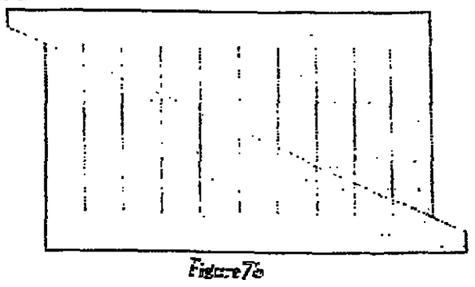


Figure 7b

8. One over the 8 x 8.

Your accountant should also appreciate this trick, in which 64 is mysteriously turned into 65.

Draw a grid of 64 squares (as in Fig. 8a). Then cut this into four sections (as in Fig. 8b). By cunningly rearranging the pieces of paper (Fig. 8c), you can make a 5 x 13 rectangle (Fig. 8d) — which of course contains 65 squares.

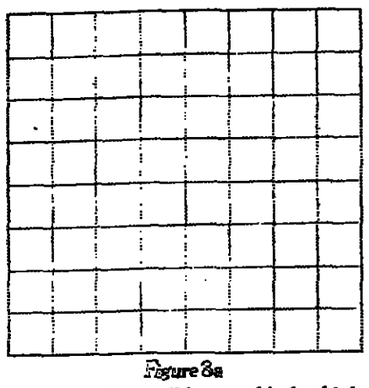


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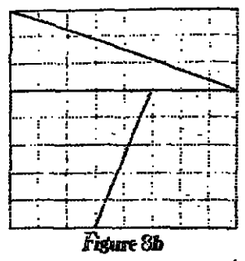


Figure 8b

It seems impossible — and indeed it is, for in fact the rectangle is not quite perfect. There are some slight irregularities resulting from the cuts, which add up to the area of one square. However, the pieces fit so closely that most people will not spot this.

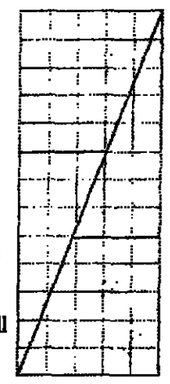


Figure 8c

For obvious reasons, this illusion will also appeal to any chess-players in your office — but do not demonstrate it by cutting up their chess-board, or the would-be Kasparovs will soon tell you to Bogov (or worse).

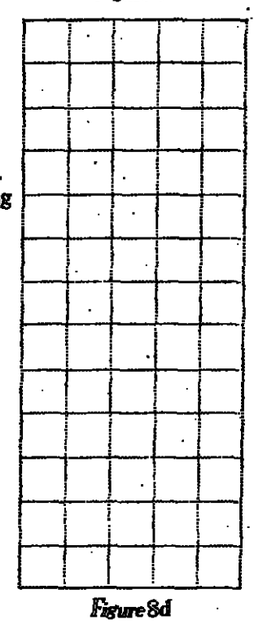


Figure 8d

9. How to handle a balance sheet.

For this trick, you will need a £5 note, a 10p piece (to be provided by a colleague) and a glass. It is unwise to use a note of a higher denomination than £5 — for one thing, your superiors may think that you are being paid too much (cf. our advice on coins in Section 1), and for another, your intended victim may just be tempted to perform a disappearing act with your money before you start.

Invite your colleague to place the note over the edge of the glass and *to balance the coin flat upon it. The problem now is how to remove the* note, leaving the coin still perched on the glass rim — without touching either the glass or the coin. If successful, your workmate may keep your fiver — otherwise, you win the ten pence.

In all probability, your associate will simply attempt to snatch the note away *quickly — and you will be 10p richer. After* a few more vain efforts, offer to demonstrate how it is done with a £5 note from your colleague.

Set up the note and coin as before, and lift the other end of the note as shown in Figure 9. (Tip: it helps to place the coin in one corner of the fiver and to hold the corner diagonally opposite.)

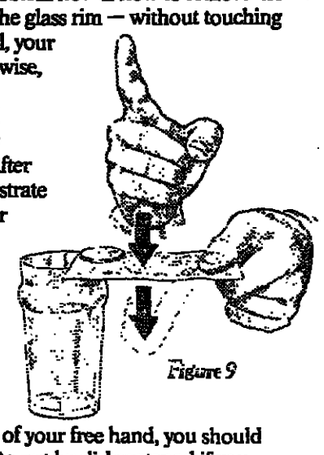


Figure 9

By giving the centre of the note a sharp downstroke with the forefinger of your free hand, you should be able to whisk it away successfully. (*Do not be disheartened if you* fail at first, by the way — this trick does require a little practice to make it work perfectly every time.)

10. *Improve your performance between the sheets.*

The Japanese have always been clever with paper. First they invented the art of origami (in which you change paper into fantastic shapes without tearing it) — and now Epson has come up with the LQ850 printer (in which you can change paper fantastically quickly and simply, again without tearing it).

When you want to switch from single sheets (as in Fig. 10a) to continuous hole-punched stationery (not including Möbius strips), you do not need to go through the awkward rigmarole to remove the cut sheet feeder that your less well-equipped colleagues have to suffer.

Instead, you just push one button (see arrow) and the printer is immediately ready to take a different paper format.

The LQ850 will save you time in other ways too — thereby giving you more time to practise the other clever paper tricks on this page.

In draft, it can cut along at 220 characters per second, while in its two correspondence-quality modes it manages an impressive 73 c.p.s. (all at 10 c.p.i.). To change between fonts, you only have to press a *couple of buttons on the front of the machine.* A 6K buffer frees your PC for other tasks more quickly.

Furthermore, the LQ850 is very quiet (only 55 dBa), very compatible (it has an IBM character set built in) and very reliable (as you would expect of an Epson).

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Figure 10a

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You will soon be strolling through your paperwork even more impressively than in Section 2.

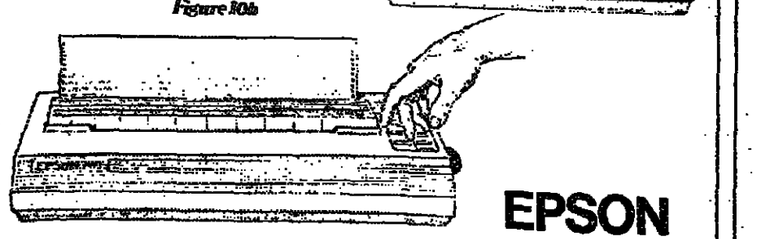


Figure 10b

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WORLD SUMMARY

Bombing wave hits Ozal party

A bomb which exploded in the Istanbul offices of Turkey's ruling Motherland Party on Wednesday, killing one person and wounding another, is believed by police to have been similar to bombs planted in four other party offices last Friday, one of which exploded in the Aegean port of Izmir wounding nine (Michael Dynes writes).

The illegal Turkish People's Liberation Party has claimed responsibility for last week's bombings, and police have identified them as the main suspects in Wednesday's attack. It is thought the group could could be trying to provoke political turmoil in an attempt to have this month's elections postponed. But the authorities have not yet ruled out the possibility that some of the bombings may have been the work of right-wing extremist groups.

With elections scheduled on November 29, Mr Turgut Ozal, the Prime Minister, is campaigning on a platform of continued economic growth and political stability. He is on course to win the election, but recent polls have indicated that the size of his parliamentary majority could be significantly eroded by the newly legitimized right and left-wing opposition parties.

Librarians angered

Auckland — New Zealand's public librarians have reacted angrily to an instruction from the British Government that lending out the book *Spycatcher* may be in contempt of court (Richard Long writes).

"As a native Kiwi my neck bristles when given this sort of crap," Mr Stephen Murphy, librarian at the Porirua city library, north of Wellington, said yesterday. But he and other librarians said they would comply with the advice that the book should not be lent out until after the result of the full hearing of an injunction against publication scheduled to start in New Zealand on November 16.

Backing for Fiji

Port Moresby (Reuter) — Papua New Guinea said yesterday it will recognize Fiji's military Government headed by Colonel Sitiveni Rabuka. It was the first formal recognition of the Administration after Colonel Rabuka staged a coup on September 25 and declared himself head of state of a new republic.

Prime Minister Paias Wingti urged an early return to civilian rule and backed the readmission of Fiji to the Commonwealth. Fiji's membership lapsed after Colonel Rabuka tore up the Constitution and promised a new one to give indigenous Fijians political supremacy over ethnic Indians.

Defector faces charge

Bonn — An American soldier stationed in West Germany, who defected to the Soviet Union last March with his West German girlfriend, was arrested by US military police in Frankfurt early yesterday after returning from Moscow (John England writes).

Private Wade Roberts, aged 22, and Fräulein Petra Neumann, aged 24, who is due shortly to have their baby, left the Soviet Union because they preferred to live in another country. A US Army spokesman said Private Roberts would be sent back to the US to face a charge of desertion.

Arrest in bombings

Brussels (Reuter) — Belgian police have arrested a suspected member of a guerrilla group which has claimed responsibility for 27 bomb attacks in 1984 and 1985, a spokesman for the public prosecutor said yesterday.

He said the man, named only as Christophe V., had been charged with conspiracy in connection with the bombings by the Fighting Communist Cells, in which two people died. He was arrested on returning to Belgium from England on Tuesday after co-operation between police forces from the two countries.

Strike in Argentina

Buenos Aires — A nationwide strike called by the powerful General Confederation of Workers to protest at the Government's economic austerity programme was widely followed yesterday, halting public services and disrupting private businesses across the country (Eduardo Cué writes). The CGT claimed that the strike was 98 per cent effective.

The action comes as the Argentine Congress is preparing to consider a set of government measures to increase taxes and reform the labour laws.

Biko film premiered



Washington — Sir Richard Attenborough sharing a laugh with Mr Donald Woods, author of books about Steve Biko, during the premiere here of the film "Cry Freedom", which Sir Richard directed and which is based on the Biko story. Mrs Ethel Kennedy, the widow of Robert Kennedy, was among the guests.

Reagan's cold warrior beats his retreat



President Reagan announcing the resignation in Washington yesterday of his Defence Secretary, Mr Caspar Weinberger, left. He said he would nominate the National Security Adviser, Mr Frank Carlucci, right, as his replacement.

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Mr Caspar Weinberger has served as US Secretary of Defence longer than anyone else except Mr Robert McNamara. His resignation after seven years leaves a big gap, depriving President Reagan of one of his oldest and most loyal counsellors and the Administration of one of its most influential members.

He leaves a mixed legacy. Ironically, what many regard as his greatest achievement — the massive build-up of the US armed forces — may be the most held against him, whereas his unrelenting hard line toward Moscow is being recognized, even by grudging liberals, as a vital factor that shaped the arms control treaties now being negotiated.

Mr Weinberger saw himself as the Pentagon's principal salesman, and enthusiastically launched the biggest peacetime build-up the US has ever seen. Trumpeting — and exaggerating — the Soviet threat, he cajoled enough money from Congress to place huge orders for hardware, to raise military pay considerably, improve training, and set up the Strategic Defence Initiative organization.

● Foresaw problems and resigned a proud man while he would still be missed ●

The figures tell the story: in 1981 the US had 173 surface ships, and now there are 222. The number of submarines has gone up from 81 to 97, tanks from 10,900 to 14,296, and warheads from 10,688 to 11,786. In constant 1982 dollars, military spending for 1988, at $241.1 billion (about £138 billion), will be almost as high as at the peak of the Vietnam war ($244.4 billion) or the Korean conflict ($245.7 billion).

The first four years were an unqualified success. Morale, at a low ebb in the Carter years, rose swiftly. American soldiers were better motivated, better paid and performed measurably better in exercises. The new Pentagon muscle did much to restore national pride in the armed forces and to overcome the stigma of Vietnam.

But Mr Weinberger failed to set priorities or develop a coherent military strategy. Money was thrown at everything, with each service free to pursue its ambitions: the Navy with an expensive and debatable strategy for destroying the Soviet fleet; the Air Force with three overlapping manned bomber programmes; and the Army with the chance to build every weapons system on its wish-list. He had no grand design and did not tailor expansion to national purposes.

A poor manager who left the job to deputies, he was not strict enough in controlling predictable waste and contract gouging. A maximalist who refused to compromise with Congress, Mr Weinberger would not retreat when the fat years ended.

Critics pounced on the $640 lavatory seats and the $7,600 coffee pots, and called the Pentagon profligate. Mr Weinberger only redoubled his warnings of the Soviet threat, and Congress began to suspect that he was crying wolf.

Defence analysts warned that too much had been started too quickly. Essential programmes, such as combat readiness, were unprotected and would suffer, along with everything else, when the inevitable cutbacks came.

As for the weapons programmes, the record here is also mixed. The B1 bomber has been plagued with technical trouble, as has the vaunted MX missile. Trident has gone well, but some weapons have been little short of disastrous: the notorious Sergeant York gun, which could not hit a stationary target 100 yards away, eventually had to be scrapped. And the Strategic Defence Initiative has been forced along at such speed — due to Mr Weinberger's determination to get something in place as soon as possible and make deployment irreversible — that even scientists in the project are calling for a cooling-off period.

Mr Weinberger's passionate advocacy of SDI — the sticking point now with Moscow — illustrates another aspect of his tenure which with hindsight is winning wider approval: his unremitting hard line on arms control.

He and Mr Richard Perle, his influential Assistant Secretary, pushed for the zero option, and continued pressing after Reykjavik for a global, not just a European, zero. He exasperated many officials, especially Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, and some allies with his stubborness. But it has paid off. If he had not held the Russians' feet to the fire, they might never have agreed to such radical arms cuts.

Mr Weinberger's stern and almost moralistic attitude to defence may have upset the European left, but on the whole he has been good for Europe and for Nato.

He also established close relations with other Nato defence ministers. Britain, of which he is fond, is deeply in his debt for the enormous help during the Falklands War, when he provided vital support before the diplomatic details had even been worked out.

Mr Weinberger initially wanted to be Secretary of State, and his notorious feud with Mr Shultz was not just ideological: there was a strong element of jealousy in their attempts to win President Reagan's ear, with Mr Weinberger generally prevailing.

His obstinacy often made US foreign policy seem contradictory, especially on East-West relations. But on some issues he was wisely cautious — warning of dangers in keeping the Marines in Lebanon or using military force against terrorists, and, in rare agreement with Mr Shultz, denouncing the Iran arms sales.

Mr Frank Carlucci, his successor, has a difficult task. Though an able man, he has none of Mr Weinberger's personal influence with the President. He will head the Pentagon at a time of budgetary crisis. He may wish to be more flexible on arms control and SDI, but the whole arms negotiating agenda has now, finally, been taken over by Mr Shultz, and the Pentagon's influence will diminish.

● He held the Russians' feet to the fire to achieve cuts in nuclear weapons ●

Mr Weinberger saw this coming. As a man who kept together a strong team for six years, he wanted his own deputy, Mr William Taft, to succeed him to carry on his policies. But already the top officials had begun to leave. The Weinberger era was almost over, and "Cap" knew this. A proud man, he left while he would be missed, with his wife's illness only part of the reason for his going.

Pretoria frees Mandela's lieutenant after 23 years

Johannesburg (AP) — The Government yesterday released African National Congress leader Govan Mbeki, a colleague of Nelson Mandela and a prisoner for 23 years.

Mbeki, aged 77, was among seven men released from sentences for political-related crimes. They included two other ANC members, two members of the Pan Africanist Congress, and two members of the right-wing, white-supremacist Afrikaner Resistance Movement who were convicted on weapons charges.

Mbeki, a former national chairman of the outlawed guerrilla movement, was one of eight ANC members, including Mandela, jailed for life following their 1964 convictions for sabotage.

Those prisoners, particularly Mandela, are still considered by many black South Africans as their legitimate political leaders. Mbeki's release, first hinted at by the Government in August, is likely to heighten speculation about Mandela's possible release.

The only white man convicted at the 1964 Rivonia sabotage trial, Dennis Goldberg, was freed in 1985 and has since moved to London.

Mbeki is the first of the seven black Rivonia defendants to be released. He was released from the Robben Island prison off Cape Town and was believed to have been put on a plane bound for the southern city of Port Elizabeth, near his wife's home.

Mr Casper Venter, an official of the government's Bureau for Information, said Mbeki "will be free to do whatever he wants to do". But Mr Venter said Mbeki was considered a communist who, after a government-authorized news conference last night, could not be quoted legally in South Africa.

In Lusaka, Zambia, the ANC's headquarters-in-exile, Mr Victor Moche, a Congress spokesman, hailed Mbeki's release as a victory, but added: "Even as we receive him with joy and renewed determination, we remain acutely aware that his release in a real sense also means a change (in) prison address from the confines of Robben Island into the prison house of South Africa."

● **Veteran guerrilla:** Govan Mbeki was convicted for sabotage during the historic Rivonia trial and was sentenced to life imprisonment with Nelson Mandela, his secretary-general, Walter Sisulu, and other black ANC figures (Nicholas Beeston writes).

As the outlawed organization's national chairman, Mbeki was at the forefront of the ANC and joined its military wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe (Spear of the Nation), shortly before his arrest.

The son of a tribal chief, he was born in the Nqamakwe district of what is now the Transkei homeland and attended missionary schools before receiving a bursary at Fort Hare university. His son, Mr Thabo Mbeki, is an ANC executive committee member in Lusaka.

He joined the ANC in 1935 after coming under the influence of black communist activists at university. After his dismissal as a teacher for his political views, Mbeki turned to journalism and was appointed local editor of the left-wing *New Age* newspaper in Port Elizabeth.

During this period in the Eastern Cape, where support was strong for the ANC, he became more deeply committed to the organization and helped to implement Nelson Mandela's "M-plan", a system of underground cell units.

He was promoted to the rank of national chairman in 1956 and was detained for five months during the Sharpeville emergency of 1960. A year later he joined the Communist Party of South Africa and was then arrested and charged under the Explosives Act, but was released on a technicality after seven months in solitary confinement.

In 1963 he went underground, ignoring a house arrest order, and joined the movement's military wing before his arrest at the Liliesleaf Farm in Rivonia.

Tax haven in the desert is no mirage

From Ian Murray, Tenth of Ramadan City, Egypt

The road slices through the desert past army camps, manoeuvring tanks and soldiers at target practice. It looks like a set for yet another film about the desert war and it leads to a place named in honour of the day Egypt recovered its self-respect in battle — the Tenth of Ramadan — better known as the Arab-Israeli war of 1973.

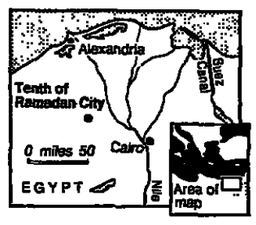
"Peace is making it all possible. In a few years, everything will be very good here." Mr Ehab el-Hariry is a young civil servant out in the desert. "All we need is the money from Egypt's poor economy." The Government has decided that there is no real alternative and has so far spent £200 million here, and has begun work on 19 similar towns.

A tax haven in the empty desert north-west of overcrowded Cairo, the city is the prototype of a network of so-called "industrial citadels" to redress the crippling population imbalance.

The latest census showed that only 4 per cent of Egypt's land area is occupied, and that with 10 million people living in Cairo it was increasingly difficult to provide essential services. The obvious solution was to find ways of persuading people to move to the desert.

In a complete turnaround from the nationalization days of President Nasser, the emphasis was put on the private sector. Businesses are lured here by cheap building land and a guarantee that they will not be taxed for 10 years after they start producing. Workers come to enjoy a calm life in modern homes, with no tax deductions from their pay packets.

Ten years after the first trees were planted and the first foundations laid, the city is just beginning to take shape. Heavy industry is kept to the south, to make sure its fumes are blown by the prevailing winds across the desert. Lighter industry rings the residential complexes, where 26,000 people live in private villas, flats and small prefabricated apartments.



It all looks rather drab. But to people who have grown up in the seething, filthy cities, it is like a rest cure. Mr Alia Abdul lel-Wahed, headmaster of one of the schools, moved for the peace and quiet. He is very happy: there is an average of only 14 children to each teacher, compared with more than 40 in the towns. Education standards are much higher and children are healthier.

The private enterprise factories make everything from macaroni to plastic pipes, shoes to shirts.

The whole scheme sounds too good to be true — and there is a catch. This city is scheduled to reach a population of 500,000 by the turn of the century. By then the country's population will have grown by about 15 million. It will need 30 towns just to absorb those people, and many more to solve the existing overcrowding problem.

Mr Hassaballah al-Kafrawi, Minister of Development and New Communities, remains optimistic. "The experience of Tenth of Ramadan City has proven the supremacy of the Egyptian man to surmount all obstacles," he says.

Tokyo's leader eyes House and home

By Rei Shiatori

The burden to be assumed by Mr Noboru Takeshita when he is formally appointed to succeed Mr Nakasone as Prime Minister of Japan today is heavy. The Tokyo stock market collapse and the tensions in the Gulf are the worst of the problems he faces.

In spite of the fact that Mr Takeshita has already held various important positions in the Japanese Cabinet, some in the West see *him* as the worst possible successor.

His political style is unfamiliar. What is important in *leadership*, he believes, is not ideas but the ability to adjust to conflicting interests. Mr Takeshita is prepared to delegate to brains trusts and bureaucrats the task of coming up with new ideas and policies, leaving him free to implement policies they have forged.

Mr Takeshita's political style is in sharp contrast to that of his predecessor. Mr Nakasone's technique was to appeal directly to the public in an effort to take the lead in the implementation of his policies. Mr Takeshita will not attempt to run the ship of state single-handed, but will be content to steer the vessel which a lot of other people are rowing.

But Mr Nakasone was prudent in nominating Mr Takeshita, given the numerous domestic problems now faced by Japan. During the past five years land prices have soared, and this has been accompanied by growing economic inequalities.

Unemployment has increased to record levels. Government debt, represented as a proportion of gross national product, has increased from 31.7 per cent in 1981 to 42.5 per cent in 1986. Average annual working hours have increased.

It is necessary, therefore, for the incoming Prime Minister to be more concerned with domestic politics after Mr Nakasone's success in the field of international relations.

Mr Takeshita believes that Japan is confronted by a series of "walls" which prevent any further development of its domestic prosperity: over-dependence upon mass production in manufacturing industry, over-dependence on exports, and over-dependence on centralized planning in development policies.

In order to break through these "walls", Mr Takeshita maintains that Japan should change its fundamental policies in order to diversify the economy, to increase domestic consumption at the expense of exports, to promote a wider and more fulfilling role for Japan's ageing population, and to foster a greater degree of decentralization in the regions, instead of concentrating all development in the urban areas like Tokyo.

The key concept which clarifies Mr Takeshita's aspirations is the Japanese word *furusato* meaning "home" or "home town". Mr Takeshita defines his concepts of *furusato* in the following way.

"I was born in a quiet hamlet on a mountain side. I still clearly recall the bucolic scenery of the village, where the smoke of charcoal-making was often seen rising against the blue sky."

In such a hi-tech country as Japan, it may seem strange that Mr Takeshita, a romantic who loves *Strait is the Gate* by André Gide, and who was once an English teacher in a middle school, tries to apply this rather old-fashioned concept of *furusato* to almost everything he wishes to achieve in politics.

But there is no doubt about the sincerity of his belief in *furusato* as the touchstone of his political judgement. He is, for example, enthusiastic in promoting the construction of the new network of highways because they link the urban dwellers with their *furusatos*. He is committed to reversing the concentration of economic and political functions in Tokyo, and promoting decentralized development in Japan because it revitalizes *furusatos* all over Japan.

On the reform of taxation he may be bold enough to introduce a welfare tax, and a new type of VAT, in order to acquire the resources necessary for the survival of the welfare state in Japan. The revenue which comes from the "welfare tax" will be spent exclusively on the promotion of welfare services and on the realization of *furusatos*.

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Perjury trial casts a harsh spotlight on Deaver

From Christopher Thomas
New York

The perjury trial of Mr Michael Deaver, a former White House aide who lost immense wealth and power overnight, has thrown a harsh spotlight on the disturbed character of one of President Reagan's closest friends.

The self-professed alcoholic has been described by prosecutors as a Reagan Administration insider, who traded on his position when he left the White House to set up a lobbying company, pulling in high-paying clients from all around the world.

But defence lawyers portray him as a seriously ill Reagan loyalist who would never have exploited his friendship with Mr and Mrs Reagan for money. The judge is allowing him to cite alcoholism as a reason for discrepancies in evidence he gave to Congress and to a Federal grand jury.

The US District Courthouse in Washington has been busy hearing various Reagan loyalists this week.

While Mr Deaver's trial proceeded on the second floor Mr Edwin Meese, the Attorney-General, testified before a grand jury on the sixth floor about his investments in Wedtech, a scandal-ridden New York defence firm.

On the fourth floor, Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North was facing a grand jury investigating the Iran-Contra scandal.

Prosecutors in the Deaver case say Mr Deaver did little to earn his six-figure retainers. Trans World Airlines, for example, paid him $250,000 in its campaign to thwart a New York investor from taking over the airline.

Mr Deaver allegedly contacted senior government officials on behalf of TWA, and later lied about this.

Mr Andrew Woods, deputy chairman and top US executive of the London-based advertising agency Saatchi & Saatchi, said it had agreed to buy Mr Deaver's business for about $16 million, but grew disenchanted after Mr Deaver became the focus of "unfavourable publicity".

White House woes

Baker under fire from right

From Our Own Correspondent, Washington

These are difficult days for Mr Howard Baker, the White House Chief of Staff. The man brought in to rescue the Reagan presidency from the Iran-Contra scandal in March is already being denounced as ineffective, has seen his advice ignored, his authority flouted and his mandate circumscribed.

The White House under his leadership is floundering, and rumours are growing that he may resign.

The latest defeat for the former Republican Senator from Tennessee was President Reagan's rejection of his recommendation of Judge Anthony Kennedy as the new Supreme Court nominee and selection instead of Judge Douglas Ginsburg.

Mr Baker, whom conservatives largely blame for the fiasco over Judge Robert Bork, gave a strong warning against another controversial candidate who would face a tough confirmation battle But his pragmatism was ignored.

He has been defeated in attempts to get Congress to support Contra funding, denounced for lending President Reagan's name to a joint peace plan for Central America and blamed for Mr Reagan's failure to show strong leadership in the Wall Street crisis.

The imminent departure of Mr Frank Carlucci as National Security Adviser is a further complication. Until Lieutenant-General Colin Powell establishes himself, Mr Baker will have to deal with a period of uncertainty, when the extra burden will fall upon himself.

Only eight months in office, Mr Baker was seen as the great compromiser; the man who could usher in a new era of co-operation between the White House and Congress. But he has fallen between two stools. Denied the prime ministerial authority he hoped for, he has failed to persuade his former Senate colleagues to back the Administration.



Mr Baker: "recoiling from the politics of passion".

The right wing has made him its prime target. Angry at the ebb of conservative power and frustrated that the "movement" has nowhere now to go, the right blames Mr Baker for attempting deals with Democrats, for retreating from firm positions on taxes or social issues and for putting pragmatism above ideology

Mr Patrick Buchanan, the pugnacious former White House Communications Director, blamed Mr Baker for giving advice that was never as good as Mr Reagan's instincts.

The Reagan revolution now seemed to be guttering out. "The Contras are about to be denuded; SDI is in trouble; the defence build-up has been halted and reversed; the most qualified Supreme Court nominee since Felix Frankfurter has been trashed by the Senate; and no one has been punished."

He said Mr Baker and staff were "kennel-fed hounds, not hunting hounds They seek compromise before the battle They recoil from the uncontrolled politics of passion and excel at the politics of log rolling back scratching and deal making"

Moderate Republicans have advised Mr Baker to resign. "The conservatives are just giving Baker fits," one friend said last week. "He ought to tell them to go to hell and just leave, but he won't do that."

But his resignation would shake an already demoralized Administration, weakened by the haemorrhage of senior members to other jobs.

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Strike over currency turns Beirut into dead city

From Robert Fisk, west Beirut

Syrian paratroopers patrolled the streets of west Beirut yesterday with specific instructions from Damascus to shoot on sight any Lebanese who tried to take advantage of the country's general strike by looting shops or occupying houses.

Brigadier-General Ghazi Kenaan deployed almost his entire 51st Armoured Brigade of 7,500 men throughout the Muslim sector of the city, together with hundreds of armed plain-clothes Syrian security men and Lebanese paramilitary police.

Perhaps because the protest strike against the collapse of the Lebanese pound was so widespread – it was supported equally by Christians and Muslims in Beirut – there was neither violence nor theft in the city. But if the strike continues it could create serious unrest, especially in the slums of the southern suburbs.

Yesterday morning, every business and shop in the city – and in most of Lebanon – was closed. There were no bakeries and therefore no bread, which is why crowds had besieged supermarkets and stores on Wednesday night. Middle East Airlines suspended all its flights in and out of Beirut and money-changers were forbidden to operate in the city.

The military orders from Damascus were circulated to the Syrian Army in Beirut in the form of a brief telex from the Syrian Ministry of Defence which made clear that troublemakers were to be shot without interrogation or hearing. Along Hamra Sreet, the Corniche, Mazraa and in the Raouche area, Syrian soldiers patrolled in the company of Lebanese troops carrying rocket-propelled grenades. Syrian intelligence men cruised the west of the city in cars bearing the registration plates of the Syrian customs and immigration authorities.

It was clear that Damascus was prepared to tolerate the strike, provided it remained peaceful. The black-marketeering, the soaring inflation – the Lebanese pound now stands at almost 1,000 to the pound sterling against 4½ to the British pound in 1976 – and the collapse of living standards have administered a powerful and permanent shock to a population which has hitherto treated civil conflict as a normal part of its life.



One of the patrolling troops in west Beirut yesterday.

Nothing could have illustrated this more painfully than the view of the city to be obtained from the 38th floor of the Murr Tower, the gaunt, unfinished office block which is now the Syrian Army's most strategic observation position in the Lebanese capital. With officers on the staff of General Mustapha Tlass, I was taken yesterday afternoon to the top of the tower where Syrian troops – in mufflers and fur hats to protect them from the cold winds – stared out over a Beirut that had been turned into a dead city.

Along Hamra Street in the west, past the Rizk Tower in the east, beside the seafront Corniche and the laneways round Kantari, there was scarcely a soul to be seen. There were no cars and few pedestrians. The only sign of movement was a children's football game on the Christian side of the Bashoura cemetery which forms part of the front line between the two sectors of the city. A capital which normally vibrates with noise had fallen silent.

The strike was called by the Lebanese General Confederation of Labour Unions, whose chairman, Mr Antoine Bishara, said yesterday that the stoppage would continue for weeks "and months if need be" until his members' demands had been met. Like so many other official statements in Lebanon, this one was both misleading and probably untrue – the money-changers are already surreptitiously planning to start dealing again today, but the remarkable public support for the strike was impressive nonetheless.

In the Muslim sector of the city, the suspicion remains that President Gemayel and his Christian colleagues in government shoulder a good deal of the blame for Lebanon's worst economic crisis since the great starvation of 1917. Christian unwillingness to sell off gold reserves in Fort Knox and paralysis within the Cabinet have been blamed widely for the continuing decline of the Lebanese pound, although Muslims have shown no desire to sell the reserves held in the Central Bank in west Beirut.

Christian and Muslim technocrats are leaving Lebanon – most flights to the Gulf carry a proportion of passengers travelling on special emigrants' tickets to Australia – while the financial power of the bourgeois Sunni community is disintegrating.

The Shia Muslims are gaining in power but not in wealth, and the business elite in Beirut is now talking of a Third World recession in Lebanon.

● **Hostage freed:** – A Palestinian millionaire, Mr Badr al-Fahoum, aged 62, has been released in Muslim west Beirut nearly two weeks after he was kidnapped, police said yesterday (Reuter reports). The previously-unknown *Forces of the Subjugated People* group claimed responsibility for the abduction.



A Beirut woman carrying eggs and bags of bread as Lebanese throughout the country rushed to hoard food before the strike.

Students besiege education ministry

Athens – Thousands of Greek students massed outside the Education Ministry here to demand more money for education to save Greek universities from going bankrupt (Mario Modiano writes).

The students who have the support of university faculties, blame the decline in academic standards on the chronic shortage of teaching staffs and laboratories, delays in issuing free textbooks, and competition from private colleges.

Aids decision

Kampala (Reuter) – The Soviet Union has expelled 20 Ugandan students since July because they proved positive in tests for the Aids virus.

Magazine ban

Abidjan (AP) – The Ivory Coast's sole political party is reported to have banned the sale of *Jeune Afrique* magazine because it reported that President Houphouet-Boigny was involved in the assassination of President Sankara of Burkina Faso.

Afghan action

Moscow (AFP) – Soviet troops have withdrawn from 12 of Afghanistan's 30 provinces, the visiting Afghan leader, Dr Najibullah, told an informal gathering of Communist leaders here.

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France-Iran arms scandal

Knives out for Mitterrand

From Philip Jacobson, Paris

The air was thick with accusations and recriminations yesterday as *l'affaire Luchaire*, France's version of the Iran-Contra arms scandal, continued to unfold.

With President Mitterrand still holding himself aloof from the fray, despite well-publicized claims that he had been in the know about the illegal sale of 450,000 artillery shells to the Iranians, his Socialist Party lieutenants were left to fend for themselves in an extensive damage limitation exercise.

It was uphill work, for the French right has its teeth firmly into what it perceives as the most potentially damaging of the numerous scandals rising from the murky waters of the run-up to the presidential election next spring.

For the first time, President Mitterrand himself appears politically vulnerable, and from the moment *l'affaire Luchaire* (named after the company which exported the shells and allegedly passed some of the profits to Socialist Party funds) became front-page news earlier this week, the knives have been out.

"This is an extremely important affair of state and the head of state must deal with it," one former conservative Cabinet Minister observed after yesterday's 90-minute committee session in the National Assembly with the Defence Minister, M André Giraud. "It's almost impossible to conceive that arms were sent to a country suspected of holding French hostages and of organizing terrorism here."

Since the Socialists have previously wrung as much mileage as possible from the scandals embarrassing M Jacques Chirac and his Government, their bitter complaints about the "political exploitation" of the Iran arms affair are not noticeably well received by the general public.

Indeed, the cynicism and scorn with which a great many French now regard *la classe politique* springs directly from just such blatant manipulation of important matters of justice and official probity for individual and party gain.

In the circumstances, it is by no means inconceivable that the furore over Luchaire may gradually be allowed to fade by consent between leading politicians. M Chirac, for one, was noticeably restrained in his comments yesterday. For his part, M Mitterrand has let it be known that he will not say anything that might interfere with the judicial investigation into the arms deals.

Yet the feeling persists that a few more explosions are due before any truce is called. There is one particular rogue elephant loose, in the form of M Charles Hernu, who could certainly do some damage.

The combative M Hernu held the defence portfolio at the time the shells were being sent to Iran.

We now know from the exhaustively leaked report of M Jean-Françoise Barba, Comptroller-General of the armed forces, that one of M Hernu's bright young aides replied "Not seen, not caught" when the head of French foreign intelligence first raised the matter of Luchaire's illegal trading back in 1984.

In a number of abrasive encounters since the Barba report surfaced, M Hernu, now the Mayor of Villeurbanne, has made clear that he does not warm to the idea of being left in sole possession of this new hot potato.

Someone asked if he thought M Mitterrand really had known about the weapons trade with Iran. There was a pause long enough to start a few hearts pounding in the Elysée Palace before M Hernu replied: "In my opinion, no."



President Mitterrand, left, with M Charles Hernu, whose intervention in the arms affair has ended the silence.

British minesweepers head north of Bahrain

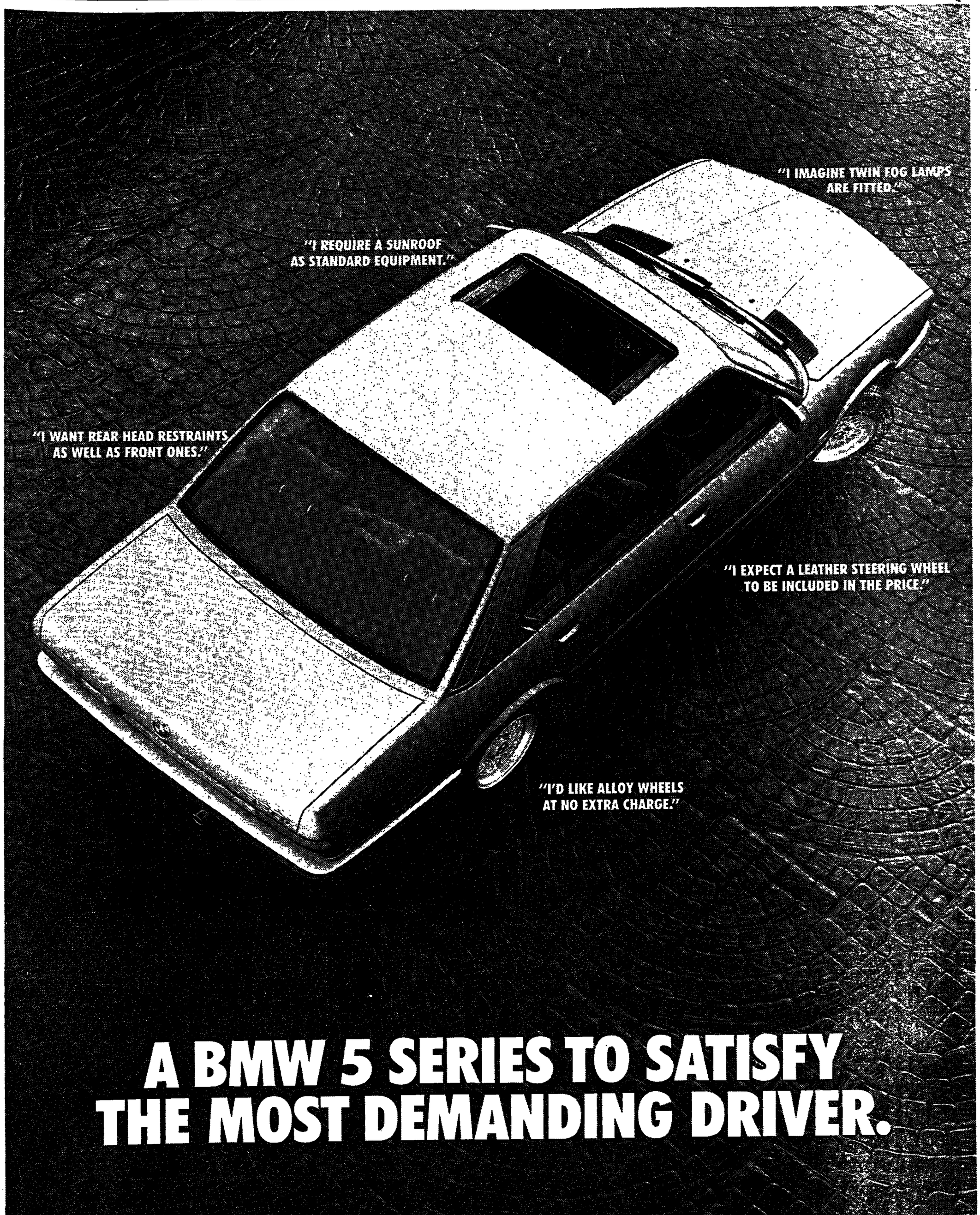
British minesweepers protected by a frigate ventured north of Bahrain yesterday to begin new minesweeping operations in the Gulf today (Our Defence Correspondent writes).

Although it had always been understood that the Royal Navy's Armilla Patrol, which has now been supplemented by the four minesweepers, extended to Bahrain and no further, the Ministry of Defence insisted last night that the latest operation in the Gulf was within the patrol area.

A British embassy spokesman in Bahrain said that the four minesweepers, HMS Bicester, Hurworth, Brecon and Brocklesby, would be operating in a suspected minefield 30 miles north-east of Bahrain, near where US forces fired on an Iranian ship suspected of laying mines. The spokesman said the frigate HMS Brazen will accompany the minesweepers during the operation, which is expected to last up to three weeks.

● **BAHRAIN:** Iraqi aircraft attacked and set ablaze the Iranian supertanker Taftan at Kharg island in the Gulf on Wednesday, shipping sources said (Reuter reports).

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Hanoi jails veteran priest after ring of 'terrorists' exposed

From Neil Kelly, Bangkok

Vietnam has sentenced an 81-year-old Roman Catholic priest and his deputy to life imprisonment for activities against the state in its latest move against anti-communist resistance groups. Twenty-one other defendants received sentences ranging from four to 20 years, while 73 suspects were pardoned after confessing.

The offical Vietnamese News Agency announced yesterday that after a four-day trial in Ho Chi Minh City Father Tran Dinh Thu had been convicted on four charges: propaganda against the socialist system, sabotage, disrupting public security and terrorism.

Father Thu and his deputy pleaded guilty. The court found that he had used churches in Ho Chi Minh City as bases for his network and had "under the cover of religion established a counter-revolutionary organization involving a large number of people and operating in a wide area with the assistance of foreign powers". The ring was said to have trained and mobilized "thousands of subversives" over the past 10 years. Many weapons were hidden in the churches and the priest's house.

Father Thu's group responded by setting fire to houses and attacking security forces when the network was discovered. In one incident a security man was allegedly stabbed to death.

The priest was said to have collaborated with the French colonial regime more than 30 years ago, and after the Communist victory in 1975 he was in prison for two years for activities against the state. Vietnamese church leaders, who regarded him as a dangerous extremist, have tried to distance themselves from him.

Vatican officials say that at least 100 Roman Catholic priests are still being held in re-education camps in Vietnam. Other Christian churchmen have also been in trouble with the state. Earlier this year two Protestant pastors were imprisoned for eight years for subversive activities.

Refugees arriving by boat in Thailand recently have said that they fled Vietnam because as practising Catholics they had been singled out for persecution.

At a meeting with the country's bishops last May, the Vietnamese Communist Party's General Secretary, Mr Nguyen Van Linh, said that the Government had made mistakes in its dealings with religious groups. But he went on to warn church leaders that any religious practices which were used to conceal anti-government activities would not be tolerated.

The next strike by the Government against anti-communist groups is expected to be the trial next month of more than 100 Vietnamese exiles captured recently in Laos. They had fled from Vietnam after the communist victory and some are now citizens of the United States, Australia and other Western countries.

Hanoi says that about 200 of them returned recently to South-East Asia to establish resistance bases inside Vietnam. As they tried to infiltrate the country from Laos they were discovered by Laotian soldiers, and about half the group were killed.

The Hanoi Government claims that their operation was supported by groups in the United States, Thailand and China, but on Wednesday Mr Michael Armacost, a US Under-Secretary of State, denied American involvement.



Leaders with peace in mind

The Indian Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, right, greeting President Jayewardene of Sri Lanka on his arrival in Delhi yesterday, from a regional conference in Kathmandu, for talks on the faltering peace accord designed to end the Tamil conflict.

The two leaders are expected to complete a defence pact during the visit (Our Foreign Staff writes). Mr Jayewardene spent two hours with Mr Gandhi in the first of several sessions of talks scheduled for the next three days. The discussions were described as "in depth" but no details were released.

The visit came as Sri Lankan state radio reported that the Indian peacekeeping force on the island had killed 12 guerrillas of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam and captured or detained 700 others when they took the town of Velvettithurai, the home town and stronghold of the Tigers' leader, Mr Velupillai Prabhakaran.

The Tigers have reportedly asked India to arrange a 48-hour ceasefire but, in Delhi, Mr Gandhi insists that a ceasefire will not be entertained unless the Tigers abide by the peace accord and surrender their weapons.

Crises plague a besieged Aquino regime

From Gavin Bell, Manila

For President Aquino of the Philippines, no sooner is one crisis defused than another looms on the horizon.

While threats of a coup attempt appear to have receded, Mrs Aquino now faces challenges on alleged human rights abuses and corruption — both anathema to her pledges of democratic reform.

Complaints of military repression have been sparked by mass detentions and the creation of armed vigilante groups in Manila and its suburbs. Both measures have been approved by Mrs Aquino to crack down on the communist gunmen blamed for killing more than 100 police, soldiers and officials in the metropolis this year.

On a more personal level, Mrs Aquino yesterday ordered an investigation into allegations that her sister-in-law, Mrs Margarita "Tingting" Cojuangco, accepted a $1 million (£570,000) "deposit" from an Australian businessman to secure a gambling concession in Manila.

The Sydney Morning Herald, which made the accusation, also said that foreign firms had paid Mrs Cojuangco amounts between $10,000 and $1.38 million for gaming rights.

The President, under mounting public pressure, said yesterday that she had ordered the head of the National Bureau of Investigation to conduct an inquiry and to take whatever action he found necessary. She reiterated that her kin could not expect special treatment.

The previous day, the Manila *Chronicle* had castigated Mrs Aquino's press secretary for having issued "outrageously limp and passive" statements on the affair. Reflecting widespread opinion, the paper said there was nothing to indicate the Palace was involved, and Mrs Aquino's integrity was not in question. "but the public expects more initiative than stating policy . . . this is the time for the President to assert her moral authority".

Having done so, she faces a more serious danger in a growing polarization between the political left and right. Frustrated by the failure of attempts to end an 18-year-old communist insurgency by conciliation, Mrs Aquino has ordered her troops and paramilitary police on to the offensive against Maoist extremists of the New People's Army in Manila — with mixed results.

An initial raid on the Polytechnic University of the Philippines last weekend netted 39 suspects. They were among more than 100 refugees who have been living on the campus since fleeing their homes on Leyte island to escape harassment by anti-communist vigilantes. Almost all were released after questioning, only to be arrested again yesterday after police at Leyte sent word that 27 of them were known NPA militants wanted on charges of violent crime, including murder.

Meanwhile, more than 800 slum-dwellers were rounded up in a Manila suburb on Wednesday, and 17 were still in detention yesterday.

The raids have been criticized sharply by left-wing and human rights activists, notably Mr Nemesio Prudente, president of the Polytechnic University.

There is equal concern about the formation of the neighbourhood vigilante groups, aimed at helping security forces combat the NPA. Mrs Aquino has emphasized that their members must be vetted and carefully controlled by local police, who should "weed out undesirable elements". The view of the paramilitary Philippine Constabulary is that such groups are the best way of controlling and harnessing the public outcry against communist violence.

Some of the "law-abiding members of the community" will be issued with firearms and authorized to make "citizen's arrests". Human rights groups fear they may get out of control and become like the right-wing death squads of Central America.

A member of the police told *The Times* yesterday: "I don't think this is a healthy social sign. I'm against vigilantes, but we have to be realistic about the communist threat. I think it will all depend on how efficiently we handle them."

Tensions in Malaysia

Mahathir battling to weather storm

From David Watts, Kuala Lumpur

Datuk Seri Mahathir Muhammad's star has not been at a lower ebb since he took office as Prime Minister six years ago.

The man who cut the number of political detainees from 500 to 30 as one of his first acts on coming to office now finds himself the guardian of a new batch, with racial relationships and political tension dangerously high.



Tunku Hamzah Razaleigh: challenged leadership.

Even the normally tame *New Straits Times* initially deplored what it called the "lapse of liberalism", saying that the series of more than 90 arrests was "most of all a loss of so much that had been so arduously nurtured over these past years of nationhood".

A few days later the Prime Minister told a meeting of editors that he had got a better press for his measures in Singapore, and they must understand that from now on liberalism would take a back seat to development.

"We have to deal with all these problems in one fell swoop. We can't afford to be charitable. It's an all-encompassing situation and we need an all-encompassing cure," one of the editors quoted him as saying.

Many foreigners believe that Malaysia's problems have less to do with Dr Mahathir's relative liberalism than with mismanagement and the choice of inappropriate industrial policies.

The Prime Minister, according to a close associate, is a deeply disappointed man who contemplated resignation earlier this year as economic and political problems pressed in on a man who saw his vision for the country compromised. Now he is looking for a way to restore that vision and the credibility of his leadership, so damaged by the dispute concerning the United Malays National Organization (UMNO) election last April.

His vision was one shared by many developing countries blessed with oil: industrialization and a gleaming capital full of the chrome and smoked-glass symbols of success. Kuala Lumpur has the skyscrapers, mainly half-empty, and Malaysia has its industrialization, a steel plant and the Proton Saga car among other things.

But the steel plant, built with Japanese help, used new systems not yet tested in Japan. Despite Japanese compensation for the failure, Malaysia will end up out of pocket with a plant that produces steel too costly to compete with imports. Proton Saga production is 25-30,000 a year, compared to a plant capacity of 80,000, an expensive symbol of independence.

First on the Prime Minister's list of priorities, however, must be restoration of the unity of UMNO, which was fractured when he fought off a close challenge to his leadership by Tunku Tan Sri Razaleigh Hamzah, a former Minister of Finance.

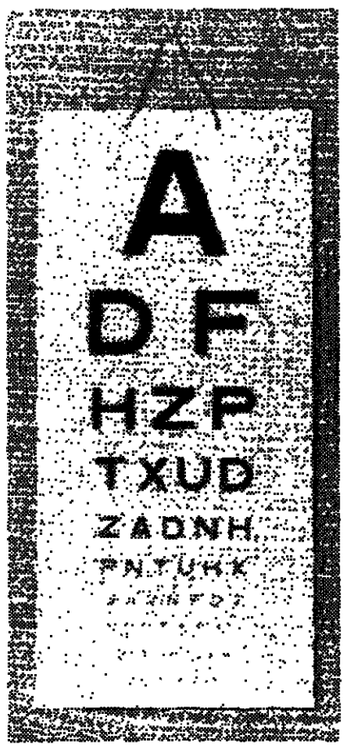
It was the first time that an UMNO leader had been challenged for the position and Dr Mahathir's aggressive defence was seen widely as most "un-Malay", splitting the party into pro- and anti-Mahathir factions when he followed his election by purging anyone who had supported his rival.

The consensus is that Dr Mahathir has still to win an election and pull together his party in one way or another, but repairing the damage done to relations with other races may be more difficult.

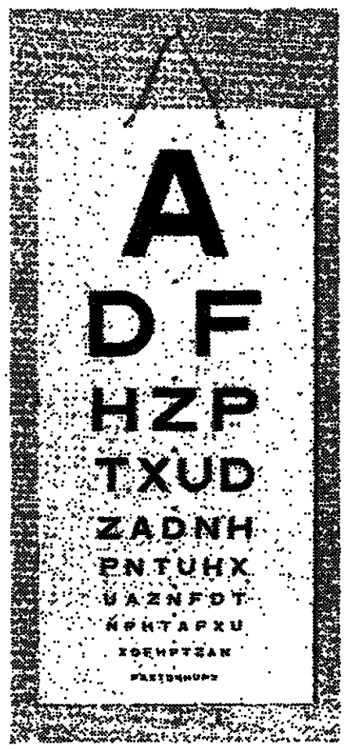
● Plea for harmony: Datuk Joseph Pairin Kitingan, the Chief Minister of Sabah state in East Malaysia, has told journalists there to avoid publishing racially sensitive stories, the national news agency, Bernama, reported yesterday (Reuter reports from Kuala Lumpur).

In a speech to local reporters a week after Malaysia banned three Kuala Lumpur newspapers and arrested scores of people under a law allowing detention without trial, he said communal harmony was essential. Bernama quoted him as saying journalists had a duty to foster unity in developing countries.

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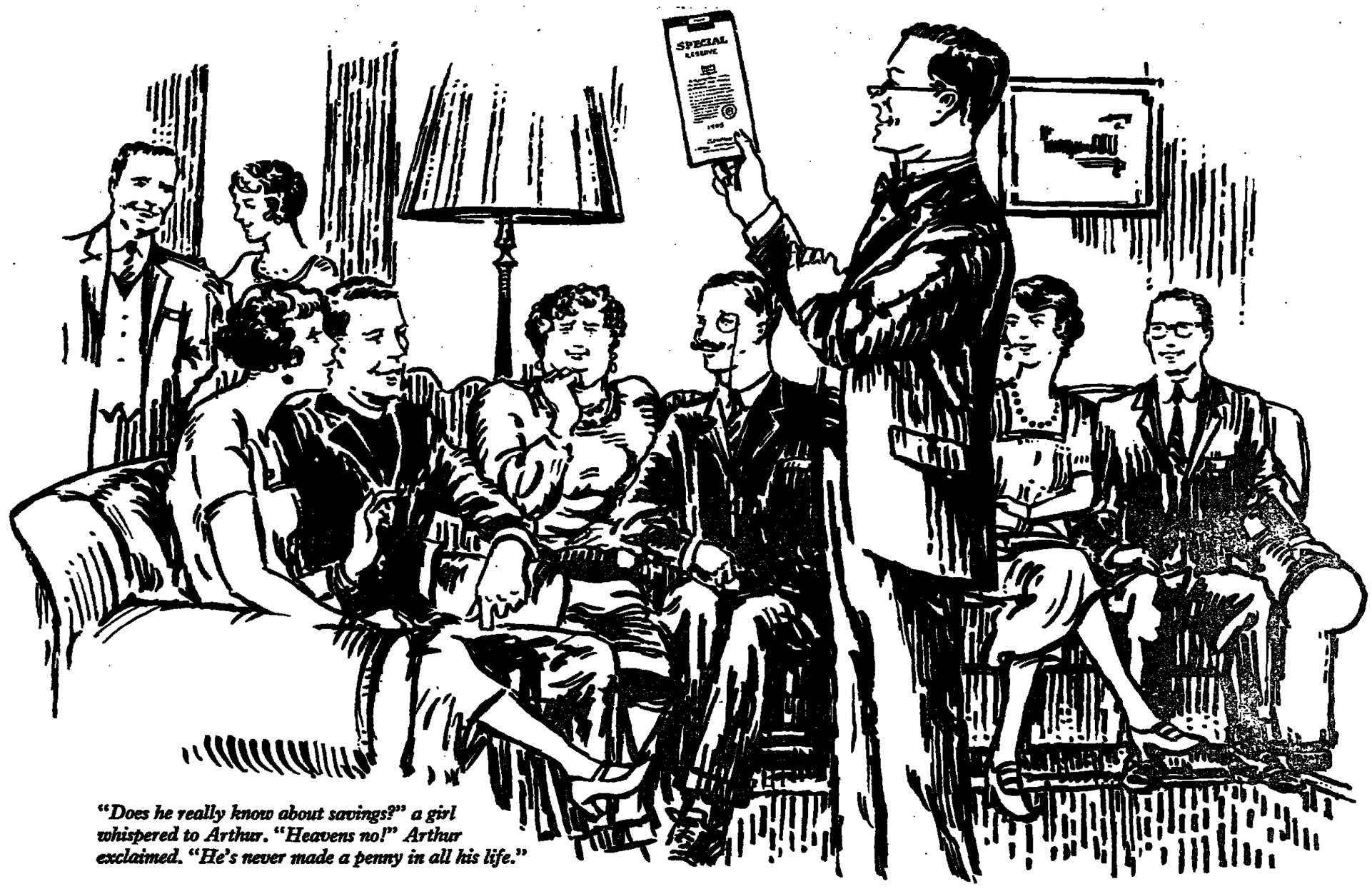
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"Does he really know about savings?" a girl whispered to Arthur.

"Heavens no!" Arthur exclaimed. "He's never made a penny in all his life . . . But just you watch him. This is going to be good."

Making the most of the situation I unfolded the leaflet with mock dignity, and perched my glasses on the end of my nose, just as the Judge did when he wanted to appear particularly grave.

"What do you think of his deportment?" cried Miss Belcher from the rear.

"We're in favour of it!" came the reply, and the crowd rocked with laughter.

Then I Started to Explain

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Modestly, I have to confess that my audience appeared impressed.

"But you've got to be able to call on your reserves instantly!" barked the Major. "First rule of battle and all that."

Miss Willikins giggled, certain that I had met my match.

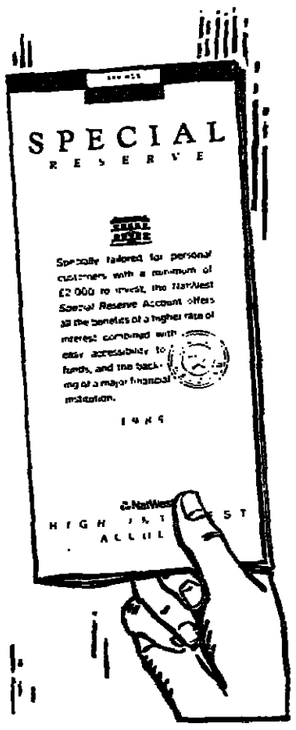
"Allow me to continue," I replied, warming to my theme. "The beauty of this account is that provided the amount is £250 or more, one can make a withdrawal or a transfer instantly. With *no* loss of interest."

The silence that followed was broken only by the tinkle of the Major's monocle as it fell into his brandy glass.

"What's more," I continued, pressing home my advantage, "because Special Reserve is a *bank* account, you can transfer funds to and from your Current Account with a simple telephone call. No more trudging back and forth to do it."

From a corner of my eye I spied Arthur, somewhat sheepishly trying to hide the holes in his brogues.

I spoke on, and as I spoke I forgot the people around me. I forgot the hour, the place, the breathless listeners. Only the Special Reserve account was real. Only the interest and other benefits it brought me. It seemed as if my bank manager himself was speaking through me!



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"I simply don't have an accountant," I replied. "And just a short while ago I didn't know one interest rate from another."

"Stop your joshing," laughed Arthur, "you've been studying for years, I can tell."

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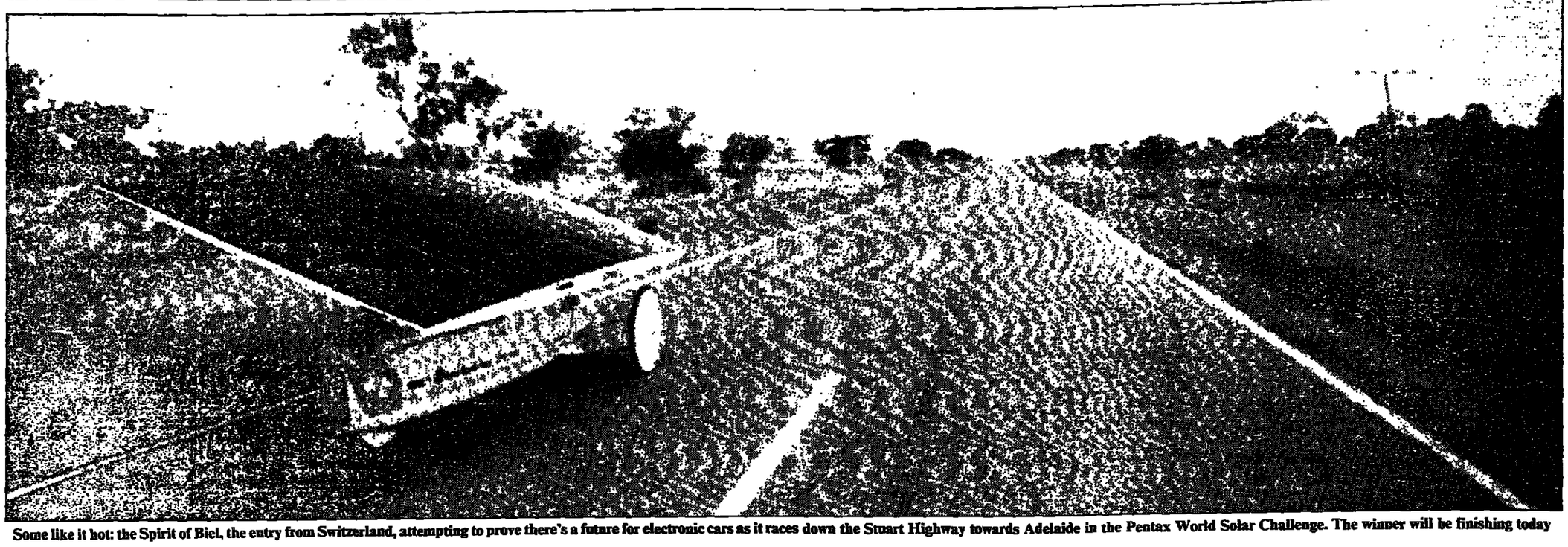
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Some like it hot: the Spirit of Biel, the entry from Switzerland, attempting to prove there's a future for electronic cars as it races down the Stuart Highway towards Adelaide in the Pentax World Solar Challenge. The winner will be finishing today

The champions of formula sun

A race right out of the future ends in Adelaide today, reports Peter Hayter



it was sitting by the side of the Stuart Highway, some 75 miles south of Katherine on the long, straight road from Darwin to Adelaide, its legs splayed comically in front and behind, as the strange procession passed its staring eyes. It was a bull, well-fed and strong with it. And quite dead.

In Australia's vast Northern Territory the "road trains" stop for nothing. Weighing 130 tons and stretching 100 yards in three trailer lengths, they hit hard at speeds above 100mph. They can swerve on to the hard shoulder of the two-lane highway, but the price is a cloud of red dust which sends loose stones the size of cannonballs spewing into the path of oncoming traffic.

A grim prospect for the 22 competitors in the first solar power car race, the Pentax World Solar Challenge, which started in the bathetic surroundings of a Darwin shopping mall last Sunday morning and will finish when the first car reaches Adelaide, 2,000 miles later, today.

As John Harvey, lead driver of the American car giant General Motors' Sunraycer points out: "If my car has an argument with any of the animals which wander across the Stuart Highway it is probable that the animal will die. It is highly likely that the driver will as well".

Add to these hazards the reality of driving nine hours a day in temperatures in Australia's red centre of over 40ºC outside and 50ºC inside the car and it is clear that this is anything but a flight of sci-fi fancy.

General Motors, issued with instructions to win "no-buts", has assembled its Sunraycer by buying the expertise of leading technicians in the fields of solar energy and aerodynamics at a project cost of more than $15 million (£8.6 million). The car has undergone rigorous trials in Arizona, as has its team of five drivers. Each evening on the road their support camp provides a three-course meal (Monday – barramundi, Tuesday – buffalo steak) and tent space for 100, five shower units and three mobile toilets.

Multiply the risks proportionately according to financial muscle and technology for the Pakistani entry from the University of Karachi, for example (total cost £4,000, total personnel, three) and they become potentially horrendous. It may have been a blessing in disguise for them that their car the Solar Samba, limped out of the race after travelling 50 miles in the two days it took Sunraycer to cover more than 1,000.

At least they made it that far. The sole British entry, John Shute's International Automotive Design group, failed to raise the cash for the trip and the hopes of eccentric Australian millionaire Harold Clisby's Vapor 1 vapourized when it uttered a raking cough and seized up in practice.

Among the starters, motives vary. For General Motors, this race is a chance to show off their state-of-the-art technology. For the Mana La team from Hawaii, it is the chance for Scottish-born millionaire hippy Paul Mitchell – "having so much fun it's an indictable offence" – and his one-earth friends from Hawaii's main island to promote their latest range of hair products, and to share in some "brotherhood".

Before the start the team linked hands around the car to charge the vehicle and *aloha* it into the future. Unfortunately they did not foresee the lack of a following wind, which left their car stranded 10 hours behind the leaders, General Motors, after the second day's driving.

For the Swiss team from the town of Biel it is a chance to draw attention to their plans for a new electronic car industry. For most of the others, college projects like the Darwin Institute of Technology's Desert Rose, or Morphet Vale High School's Photon Flyer, it is the chance to put classroom theory into practice.

All of them have created machines powered only by the sun's rays, and some achieve a considerable speed – Sunraycer has averaged more than 50mph. All the cars work on the same principle – solar cells which turn the sun's rays into energy that drives electric motors – but the details vary from car to car. Crucial factors like shape and wind resistance come into play.

Dr Paul MacCready, president of Aerovironment, who built the Sunraycer for General Motors, puts the event into perspective: "Solar-powered commuter vehicles are not credible because of the costs involved. However, what we have here is a catalyst, a meeting of the finest minds in the field, presented with a common problem and pursuing a common goal . . . cheaper, more efficient and pollution-free energy for the future. Something will come out of it."

If so, it will be due in part to the enormous media coverage the event has generated in Japan, Australia and the United States. Television crews have been falling from the trees in the Northern Territory this week, an enthusiasm that has nearly proved disastrous.

Josh Spring, a lighting technician with the relatively restrained National Geographic film unit, describes one incident: "We were driving in front of the Sunraycer when suddenly, out of nowhere, a taxi strewn with Japanese photographers zoomed past us. As they overtook, I noticed a road train coming towards the taxi at about 90mph. There was no way they could avoid a collision and I couldn't drop back because I would have written off $15 million of solar car.

"It was at this point that I became hysterical but just in time the road train slewed off the track. Another three feet and we would all have been history."

There is little doubt that barring buffalos, kangaroos and bulls, General Motors will win. They started the last day with a 600 mile lead over their nearest rivals, the Swiss. Nothing else is predictable about this race or its consequences for solar-powered travel. One only hopes that at the end of it there are more dead bulls than dead drivers.

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Multiplying the memories

How a temporary plaster and wood structure became the focal point of the nation

Chris Harris



In memoriam: Stuart Brisley and his Cenotaph

When the Queen lays her wreath at the Whitehall Cenotaph on Sunday, few people will realize that one of our most famous monuments almost never came about. A temporary Cenotaph was made in plaster and wood for the Victory Parade in July 1919 and it was only in response to public demand that the designer, Edwin Lutyens, made a full-scale monument in stone.

The story of the Cenotaph begins when Lloyd George returned from Paris after the First World War, deeply impressed with the way the French paid tribute to their heroes. He felt there should be a "point of homage to stand as a symbol of the reverent salute of an empire mourning its million dead". And so the humble wooden version was erected, to be superseded by the stone monument 18 months later.

Last year, Stuart Brisley, the Imperial War Museum's Artist in Residence, found Lutyens' model for the stone version languishing in the museum's storeroom. Intrigued, he started researching its history. He discovered that most of the original wooden structure was destroyed when it was superceded by stone. But the coffin-shaped top section was preserved at the Imperial War Museum until the Second World War, when it was destroyed by a bomb blast.

Brisley was visited by Albert Abbott, a retired carpenter now in his eighties, who helped his father, a London model maker, make the original version. Eventually the whole experience led to the Cenotaph Project – in which Brisley and a group of colleagues are investigating the relevance of monuments today. "We feel the Cenotaph is like a barometer of public attitudes," he explains. "We're interested in how memorials arrive at a given site: what they signify."

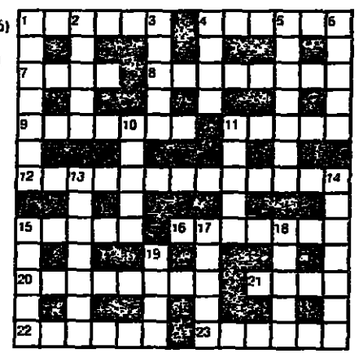
They are setting down miniature Cenotaphs from Cambridge to Gateshead, Halifax to Portsmouth, as stimulants in order to chart local response. So far, these have been wide-ranging, and prove the extent to which public perception of war has altered with the years. For some, remembering is a matter of private grief sustained for up to 70 years; for others it is a chance to thrill with recollections of their finest hour. But most people have no experience of war apart from what they have seen at the cinema.

The response in Gateshead, for example, was chilling. There, the permanent war memorial had just been vandalized: its door broken into and the register of names defiled. And when the Brisley team arrived to install their Cenotaph, locals thought they were being invaded by some religious sect, arriving with their altar. Not surprisingly, the response in Cambridge – with its strong pacifist tradition – provoked lively debate.

The next stage in the project is on December 2, when an exhibition of four of the Cenotaphs opens at the Chisenhale Gallery in London. Eventually, in 1989, the entire collection will return to the Imperial War Museumand the project laid to rest.

Sarah Jane Checkland

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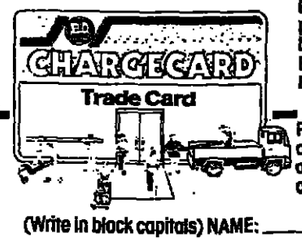
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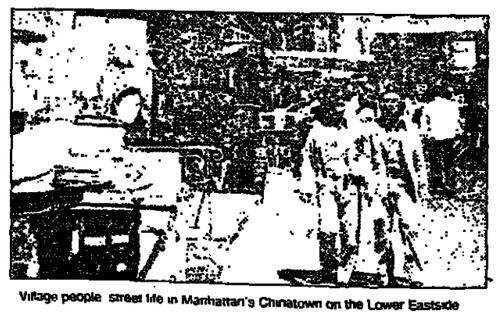
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**British Airways/
British Caledonian Merger.**

The Secretary of State for Trade and Industry (Lord Young of Graffham): [illegible]

I turn now to the impact of the BA/BCal merger on airports. This Government's policy has been based on ensuring competition with BA. If BA were to own BCal it would have access to its takeoff and landing slots, at Gatwick in particular, for its own purposes. Gatwick is the most popular charter airport: 40 percent of UK charter passengers choose to fly from there. The charter industry has developed, in contrast to the protectionism surrounding scheduled airlines, in a totally competitive market in which price and service to the public, not Government support, are the determinants of success. Almost half of our airline passengers, and most holiday-makers, now fly charter. British Caledonian is not the second largest, but the fourth largest, British airline.

But the efficiency of charter is fragile. Intensive aircraft utilisation, designed to maximise cost effectiveness, allows for little timetabling leeway and even small changes to airport priorities can have major implications for charter passengers and airlines. As Gatwick capacity reaches saturation, current policy could allow priority to be given to scheduled flights. My concern is to ensure that airport policy, in the context of this merger, does not inhibit competition with the new airline.

The rules allow scheduled airlines to sell half their seats to charter passengers. If charter operators were progressively moved away from their main base, BA and BCal and foreign airlines could fill the breach and, by using the rules quite legitimately, take their competitors' market from them, as I understand has happened at Heathrow. I consider it to be wrong that our airports policy, which is designed to promote competition with BA, should be turned on its head. I have therefore recommended to my Right Honourable friend, the Secretary of State for Transport, that equal access to Gatwick slots should be guaranteed to both scheduled and charter airlines. The benefits that have been generated by a freely competitive industry – charter – must be maintained, both for passengers and as a continuing spur to BA.

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Take your corners

The insecurity of a football manager's life filtered down to the sport's all-party Commons committee, chaired by Labour MP Tom Pendry, this week. At a session where the action was almost as rough as anything on the terraces, a record 32 members, many of them closely associated with the game, called on Pendry to hold an annual general meeting to elect new officers. The ex-boxer and member for Stalybridge refused four times on the grounds that a sparsely-attended agm after the election (which had secured his re-election as chairman, John Carlisle as vice-chairman, and Jim Lester as secretary) was the properly constituted authority. The ensuing row, which in true Commons tradition later spilled over into the tea room, was reported to Derek Foster, Labour's chief whip. Meanwhile the anti-Pendryites are threatenening a breakaway group, chaired by Joe Ashton, to give the committee a higher profile at a time when the game is experiencing serious problems.

Bar none

Amid the ballyhoo yesterday over when the government's case on the publication of *Spycatcher* should be heard, I note that no fewer than four barristers, including Robert Alexander, one of the country's most expensive silks and chairman of the Take-over Panel, trooped for the Crown to the Court of Appeal. They were accompanied by so many Treasury solicitors that the corridors were blocked, thus making it possibly one of the most expensive hour-long appeals — paid for by you and me — on record.

BARRY FANTONI



'I suppose it's one thing the bottom hasn't fallen out of'

Jet set

With Lord Young certain to stress the importance of competition between national airlines whichever way he jumps on the proposed British Airways-British Caledonian merger, he should note that on the eve of his decision the cosy relationship between indigenous companies is alive and well. Passengers on a BCal Manchester-London flight yesterday morning noticed that the plane sported the Dan Air colours, while those using a BA service that took off soon after found themselves in an Air 2000 jet. Both companies had been forced to lease additional capacity to maintain their schedule.

● **A recent visitor to the Soviet Union complains that Gorbachov should extend his policy of *perestroika* to the state-run airline. When she took her seat on an Aeroflot jet in Moscow, the whole row of three collapsed.**

Biting the hand

Rebellious youth are an ungrateful lot. At their annual conference in Birmingham last weekend, the Young Social Democrats passed an emergency motion calling on supermarket millionaire and party sugar daddy David Sainsbury to choose between the SDP and the Owenite Campaign for Social Democracy. They claimed his position as a trustee of both groups represented a conflict of interest and said that he should resign from one. Sainsbury could fairly feel miffed at the suggestion, as it was with his money that the YSD funded its campaigns in 1985 and '86.

● **The canine capers at Conservative Central Office (PHS Oct 29) came to an abrupt end yesterday afternoon when Margaret Thatcher called. A Smith Square worker *tells me:* "There was neither hide nor hair of them. They were there in the morning then simply disappeared."**

Bondage

You would have thought the names William Benyon, Edward Leigh, John Gorst and John Browne sound so English as to be completely unconnected with the Soviet Union. But at a meeting the other day — almost exactly 70 years since the Russian Revolution — of the Commons committee examining compensation for Tsarist bonds and property, the four Conservative MPs declared interests. Benyon and Browne hold bonds — Benyon's certificate adorning his lavatory wall — while Gorst's maternal grandmother owned a palace in the Crimea at which the Tsars stayed in summer. Leigh's wife's grandparents also had a palace which, he claimed, "made Buckingham Palace look like a corner shop". It was left to the Welsh and Liberal chairman, Geraint Howells, to pass the order to start deliberations. **PHS**

Provos' hopes shot down

Richard Ford reports on the significance of the arms seizure from the Eksund

Only the size and estimated cost of the munitions haul aboard the Panamanian-registered trawler Eksund has led anyone to doubt that *this was yet another* gun-running effort by the Provisional IRA. The intelligence services have ample evidence of the IRA's tireless search for arms and explosives — *from Libya to America to* the shady European dealers and finally back to their old friend Colonel Gadaffi.

Some 150 tonnes of weapons, explosives and ammunition *is an* enormous quantity for a terrorist organization whose core of active service members is put at fewer than 300. One theory is that the consignment was to be divided between a number of European *terrorist groups.* But a more likely explanation is that it was to be split into small consignments and stored in Europe or Ireland for use over a number of years.

The Provisionals' need for more weapons has been intensified by the success of the US authorities in breaking Irish gunrunning and by seizures by the Army and Royal Ulster Constabulary. Last year 160 Soviet and German-made assault rifles were discovered in the Irish Republic in boxes *stamped "Libyan Armed Forces".* Increasingly the IRA has to pass weapons around to carry out attacks. The last rocket launcher captured by the security forces had *been used for an operation in* Belfast and another a few weeks later in Londonderry.

The IRA's greatest wish has been to acquire surface-to-air missiles (*included in the Eksund* catch) to attack police and army helicopters used for surveillance and to ferry supplies and troops. If it did, the security forces would have to rethink their tactics.

The estimated £20 million cost *of the haul would also appear to be* beyond the capacity of an organization which the security forces suspect needs more than £2 million a year to run its military and political campaigns. Recent evidence suggests that the Provisionals are short of cash and they have admitted that a kidnap *attempt to get £5 million* was "related to the struggle in the North". It may be that the Eksund's cargo was a gift from Libya — after all its leader has *twice in recent months* expressed support for the Provisionals and has a strong motive for wishing revenge on Britain.

However, the fact that the Provisionals' army council was willing to sanction such a hazardous venture, despite the recent history of failure, indicates both determination and desperation: determination to carry on with its campaign but desperation to *counteract the technically better* equipped Army and police. After 17 years both sides have reached stalemate, resigning themselves to a war of attrition. No end to the terrorist campaign is in sight and the government accepted long ago that there could never be a *purely* military solution.

On the other side, the days are gone when the terrorists predicted that "one more push" would bring success. Now they talk of a strategy for the next century *designed to break Britain's will* to remain in the North. They are aware of the dangers of war weariness infecting their supporters and disillusion within their ranks. *Sporadic bombing* offensives on the mainland help but their real ambition is to kill more British soldiers in the hope that this will hasten British withdrawal. The weapons aboard the Eksund would have helped that ambition and given heart to the terrorists.

Coming after electoral setbacks in both the Irish Republic and Northern Ireland and the loss of 13 "*volunteers*", *including eight in* the SAS ambush at Loughgall police station, the capture of the trawler is a major blow to the Provisional plans.

Robin Oakley considers the future of a man with the golden touch

Success—and successor?

The stock market panics. Hurricanes leave a trail of devastation across south-east England. Now we *have Nigel Lawson resisting* the urging of Tory backbenchers to be more smug, to show a little more self-satisfaction. This really is an autumn of shocks.

Lawson has always been a conviction politician. Always consistent, he is not one for changing his opinions in the light *of fashion,* or even, some of his critics would say, in the light of the facts. Few have ever doubted his intellect or capacity for work, but suddenly the Iron Chancellor behind the Iron Lady has acquired political lustre.

It began with the *1987 Budget,* not so shameless as to look like an *election bribe,* not so inflexible that it risked throwing away political points. Then, while others floundered on election talk-ins, he was clear and courteous.

It is often forgotten that while Lawson may reduce badly briefed civil servants to catsmeat and put backbench economic experts *through the shredder,* he goes down well with Treasury tea ladies. He crosses the road to pick a fight only with those he regards as his own size. The harrying of Labour on taxation questions had quite as much to do with Neil *Kinnock's defeat as did defence.*

Then came the stock market crash and the BP debacle. Lawson was first unflappable and then ingenious, his share buy-back scheme proving a personal triumph. This week's Autumn Statement, showing borrowing down, revenues up and the economy in good health, rounded off a successful treble. Thankful Tory MPs crowded into the backbench finance committee meeting that night hailing his performance as a triumph.

One past government critic *insisted that it was Lawson* who had won the last election for the Tories and who would win them the next one too: an extraordinary turnaround for a minister who has never been popular.

A prominent wet, encountered *in a Commons corridor,* was asked what had changed about Lawson. Nothing, he said. It was simply that the battle between wets and dries had been over whether the Chancellor was pursuing the right policies. He had now proved his case and the debate was over. As for the arrogance, what people needed now was strength and certainty to help them keep their nerve — the qualities which Lawson positively radiates.

What is striking is that MPs, particularly the new intake, are now talking of him in just the way young MPs talked of the front bench *performances of Margaret* Thatcher in 1974. It was assumed then, not least by his campaign managers, that Ted Heath would take the youth vote in any leadership contest. Instead, a number of young Tory MPs who were *not her ideological soulmates* voted for Mrs Thatcher on the grounds that she was the one person they could see scoring runs.



The Tories have registered at last that Lawson is not just an ivory tower economist but an all-round politician. Word filters out of Cabinet committees of the Chancellor's interest in wider questions. Friends point out how Lawson's meetings of Treasury ministers hear first from the attendant whip about the general political scene. He began his own ministerial career, after all, in the Whips' office. It is recalled now *that it was Lawson who built up* the coal stocks which allowed his successor as Energy Secretary to confront the miners' strike head-on; as a former torpedo boat commander he took a close interest in the naval tactics during *the Falklands war.*

On the international front it is recognized that the Chancellor who once used to prefer working on a Tory conference speech to a meeting of the IMF has become a pillar of the global international financial community and the most potent critic of the current American dithering.

Once the message that filtered out from the Treasury — without ever appearing in the Chancellor's *on-the-record interviews* — *was* that after his spell at No 11 he would be off to the City to make some money. The received wisdom now is that Lawson would instead quite fancy a spell at the Foreign Office.

The question is: will that be translated into the ambition to *succeed Mrs Thatcher,* if indeed he is not already cloaking such an ambition? It is not beyond the bounds of possibility. Friends say that Lawson has a young second family who will presumably be educated expensively. What per*sonal wealth he once had was lost* by an investment adviser, so he will need to earn some real money once he moves out of the grace and favour residence that goes with his present job.

All those problems could be surmounted if the Chancellor was merely to move next door to No *10.* Admittedly there is no sign of its tenancy becoming vacant in the *near future* but the past six months has shown that, if he wants to be, Lawson can now be seriously considered as the next occupier. Charisma isn't everything. Results count too.

In the meantime there is plenty to keep him occupied. Lawson is not just a tax cutter by nature; he is also *a tax reformer.* It is his ambition to leave No 11 with both the corporate and personal tax systems cleaned up for the rest of the century, wiping out the perks society. Since his first burst in 1983-84 he has been held back in *this aim by the Prime Minister's* political caution. But he now has the political momentum to push through the rest of the revolution, including a controversial broadened base for VAT.

It now remains to be seen just *how effectively the Chancellor* uses his redoubled punching power.

John Grigg

A close season for Santa

Yesterday was Guy Fawkes Day; Sunday will be for Remembrance. But both occasions have lost the quality of uniqueness. The celebration of Guy Fawkes now seems to be spread over about a fortnight, *with fireworks going off,* in a rather desultory way, night after night. No longer is it the single "big bang" occasion for which children of all ages used to wait, praying for good weather, and in which the bonfires and *pyrotechnics were concentrated.*

Remembrance, too, now lasts longer, in the sense that people start wearing poppies immediately on acquiring them, instead of waiting for the actual day. *It is not* that the poppies are on offer for a longer period, but that they are worn over many days instead of only on the one day set aside for formal acts of remembrance.

These changes are probably *irreversible,* and the second may almost be welcomed, granted that Remembrance Sunday has never been a proper substitute for the old Armistice Day. The poetic symbolism of the two minutes' silence universally observed and interrupting what was usually a weekday — so imposing a tremendous hush on the busy world — can scarcely be imagined by those too young to have experienced it, now an ever-growing majority of the population. Remembrance Sunday can never have the same emotional impact, since the element of dramatic contrast is missing.

On the other hand, a whole *season of poppy-wearing has quite* an effective symbolism of its own, and seems to have resulted in larger contributions to the British Legion's fund, which is all to the good. In 1978 the total raised was £3.9 million, but last year the figure was £8.4 million. The year of the Falklands war produced a jump of £1 million, but the fund rose by the same amount during the two years 1984-6, and is likely to rise still further this year.

Collecting for poppies began on October 26, which was no earlier than usual. One may reasonably *assume that the new habit of* starting to wear them at once helps to boost the proceeds — and all for a very good cause.

No exaggerated complaints, therefore, about the altered character of the Remembrance *festival, or even about the multiplication* of Guy Fawkes night. But the abuse of Christmas is an altogether different matter, calling for passionate protest and urgent remedy.

Every year the commercial *exploitation of Christmas* becomes more flagrant, and the once *magical symbols* of the festival are displayed more prematurely. Already many shops in London are sporting Christmas decorations; for instance, Harvey Nichols in Knightsbridge is dressed overall with silver Christmas trees.

Next Sunday one of the colour magazines, in collusion with the Oxford Street Association, will publish "a special 32-page supplement packed with bright ideas for gifts, food, wine and fashion from London's world-famous shopping street." And on Wednesday week (November 18) the lights will be turned on in Regent Street, intensifying the Christmas hype and making London's traffic more nightmarish than ever — with more than five weeks still to go to Christmas.

When I was a child, at this time of year I might be dreaming of Christmas as a "far-off divine event," but there would be no tawdry material premonitions of it. Until well into December the festival existed only in imagination, and the build-up to the great *day* was relatively short. That, surely, is how it ought to be.

If Christmas trees, Father Christmases and all the other usual features appear in the early part of November, *the beauty* and integrity of the festival are lost and the day itself can only be a miserable anti-climax. Whether from a Christian point of view or from that of the immemorial Yule feast marking the winter solstice, *the modern* Christmas dedicated exclusively to the retail trade is a desecration.

It is not even good for the British economy, because the artificial stimulation of so much consumer spending is bound to pull in imports on a vast scale at a time when our balance of payments is, once again, causing concern. But above all it is an aesthetic and spiritual outrage.

The time has surely come for Parliament to declare a close season for Christmas. If the period for shooting pheasants, duck, grouse and other game-birds is restricted by law, why should the public display of Father Christ*masses etc, and Christmas* decorations in general, not be similarly restricted? Admittedly, there are ecological reasons for protecting birds which do not apply to Christmas; but the reasons for protecting Christmas are equally valid.

When should the Regent Street traders and their equivalents throughout the country be allowed to put up their tinsel and switch on their lights? I suggest that the first Monday in December (this year the 7th) would be a suitable opening date, and that the festival season should close, rather obviously, on Twelfth Night. Thereafter, and until the following first Monday in December, all manifestations of Christmas should, in principle, be banned.

Of course the legislation establishing a close season for Christmas would have to be carefully drafted, and some exceptions would have to be permitted. For instance, it would be necessary to allow the sale of cards with Christmas motifs in advance *of the first Monday in December,* so that they could be posted to distant places and arrive on time. But such committee points should not frustrate the main purpose of the bill.

The government has much on *its hands at the moment, and the* task of introducing a Christmas protection bill would presumably fall to either Mr Hurd or Mr Ridley (since the game laws, with their close seasons, seem to occupy a grey area between the Home Office and the DoE). Both these ministers might feel that they already had enough to contend with, though saving Christmas would be a refreshing change from prison building or poll tax. Failing a government initiative, some private member lucky in the ballot might introduce the bill.

Conceivably it might enjoy all-party support, though some might object to it on extreme *laisser-faire* grounds, and others might see a potential threat to jobs. In any case it would certainly not be a killjoy measure but, on the contrary, one to rescue the joy of Christmas from forces now set to kill it.

Specks in the snow, and we knew they had won

TO THE SUMMIT



The successful 1953 Everest expedition was led by Sir John Hunt. Unlike previous attempts from Tibet, it approached the 29,002 ft peak from Nepal. James Morris reported the ascent for The Times *(as an anonymous Special Correspondent). News that Everest had been conquered appeared in the newspapers of Tuesday, June 2 — Coronation Day.*

Continuing our excerpts from a new anthology of dramatic reporting down the ages, we publish today **James Morris's** despatch on the conquest of Everest and **Marconi's** own account of the first radio transmission across the Atlantic

The masters of Everest, Hillary and Tensing, returned to this camp (22,000 ft) from the South Col yesterday *afternoon in a blaze of sunshine* and triumphant emotion, bringing their news with them.

It was a significantly beautiful day among the snows of the upper *Western Cwm.* All was crisp and sparkling, with the awful block of Nuptse only faintly shining with the curious greasy sheen of the melting surface snow. From the ridge of Lhotse a spiral of snow powder was driven upwards by the wind like a genie from a bottle. From down the Cwm came from time to time a sudden thrilling high-pitched whistle as a boulder screamed down from the heights. Everest itself, its rock ridge graceless against a blue sky, was as hard and enigmatical as ever.

It was a day for great news. Here in the camp on the north side of the Cwm there was already yesterday morning a tension, nerve-racking, and yet deliciously exciting. At 9 am on the previous day, 29 May, the two summit climbers had been seen by their support group, Gregory, Lowe, and a Sherpa, already crossing the South Summit at about 28,500 feet, and going strongly up the *final ridge.*

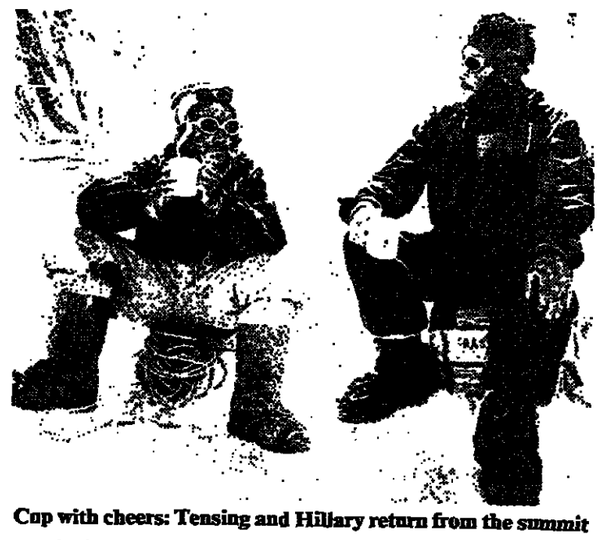
The weather had been perfect, the gales of the preceding days which had so ravaged Camp VII on the South Col had died down. Hillary and Tensing were known to be two of the most powerful climbers in the world, and were using the well-tested open-circuit *oxygen equipment.* Reports brought down from the South Summit by Bourdillon and Evans, who had reached it on 26 May in the *expedition's first assault,* seemed to show that the unknown final ridge was not impassable, though undoubtedly difficult.

Because of these several encouraging factors, hopes at Camp IV were dangerously high, and the feeling of taut nerves and suppressed wild convictions was immeasurably strengthened when, just before lunch, five tiny figures were seen making their way across the traverse at the top of the face of Lhotse. They could only be the summit team and their supporters from the South Col.

They were moving fast, and in three hours they would be in the Cwm. The camp was now alive with stinging expectation. Here in the camp Colonel Hunt sat on a wooden packing case, physically immobile, his waterproof hat jammed hard over his head, his face white with plastered glacier cream. Four or five of the climbers vacantly fingered newspapers in *the big pyramid tent. One man sat* outside with binoculars reporting the progress of the descending party.

"They must be getting to Camp VI," the watchers said. "They are hidden behind that serac *(ice-pinnacle)* with the vertical crack in it — you know the one." "Two of them are sitting down; now they are up again." "Only another hour to wait. What are the odds?" At last, soon after 1.30, just as the *radio was announcing the re*ported failure of the assault, the party emerged above a rise in the ground 300 yards or so above the camp, their blue windproof jackets sharp and cheerful against the glistening snow. Hillary and Tensing were leading. All at once it was through the camp by the magic wireless of excitement that Everest had been climbed.

There was a sudden rush up the *snow slope in the sunshine* to meet the assault party. Hillary, looking extraordinary fresh, raised his ice axe in greeting. Tensing slipped sideways in the snow and smiled, *and in a trice they were sur*rounded. Hands were wrung ecstatically, photographs taken, *there was the whirr of the cine* camera, and laughter interrupted congratulations.



Cup with cheers: Tensing and Hillary return from the summit

Hillary and Tensing, by now old climbing colleagues, posed with *arms interlocked.* Hillary's face aglow but controlled, Tensing's split with a brilliant smile of pleasure. As the group moved down the hill into the camp a band *of Sherpas came diffidently* forward to pay tribute to the greatest climber of them all. Like a modest *monarch,* Tensing received their greeting. Some bent their bodies forward, their hands clasped as in prayer. Some shook hands lightly and delicately, the fingers scarcely touching. One veteran, his pigtail flowing, bowed to touch Tensing's hand with his forehead.

"We so far forgot ourselves," wrote an English climber of an earlier generation, "as to shake hands on the summit." This expedition so far forgot itself that everywhere one fancied that sunglasses were steaming embarrassingly: and suddenly, as if spontaneously, each climber, Hillary and Tensing the first of them, *turned to Colonel Hunt,* reflective in the background, and shook his hand in recognition of the truth that in a team venture of great happiness and success his has been the friendly hand which inexorably as it seems has led the *expedition to success.*

In the pyramid tent, over an omelette served on an aluminium plate, Hillary told *the story of the final climb . . . It* was at 11.30 am on May 29, 1953, that they stepped at last on to the snow-covered final eminence of Everest.

Hillary describes this as "a symmetrical, beautiful, snow-cone *summit*" - very different from the harsh rock ridge which is all that can be seen from below. The view was not spectacular. They were too high for good landscape, and all below looked flat and monotonous.

To the north *the route to the* summit on which pre-war Everest expeditions pinned their hopes looked in its upper reaches prohibitively steep. Tensing spent the *fifteen minutes on the summit* eating mint cake and taking photographs, for which purpose Hillary removed his oxygen mask without ill effects. Tensing produced *a string of miscellaneous* flags and held them high, while Hillary photographed them. They included the Union Jack, the Nepal flag, and that of the United States. Tensing, who is a devout Buddhist, also laid on the ground in offering some sweets, bars of chocolate, and packets of biscuits.

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AFTER THE PIPS...

On December 12, 1901, the Italian-born Guglielmo Marconi confounded the mathematicians by arranging the first trans-atlantic radio signal. It was transmitted from Poldhu, Cornwall, and Marconi received it in a hut on the cliffs at St John's, Newfoundland.

Shortly before mid-day I placed the single earphone to my ear and started listening. The receiver on the table before me was very crude — a few coils and condensers and a coherer — no valves, no amplifiers, not even a crystal. But I was at last on the point of putting the correctness of all my beliefs to the test.

The answer came at 12.30 when I heard, faintly but distinctly, *pip-pip-pip.* I handed the phone to Kemp: "Can you hear anything?" I asked. "Yes," he said, "*the letter S*" — *he could* hear it! I knew then that all my anticipations had been justified. The electric waves sent out into space from Poldhu had traversed the Atlantic — the distance, enormous as it seemed then, of 1,700 miles — unimpeded by the curvature of the earth.

The result meant much more to me than the mere successful realization of an experiment.

As Sir Oliver Lodge has stated, it was an epoch in history. I now felt for the first time absolutely certain that the day would come when mankind would be able to send messages without wires not only across the Atlantic but between the farthermost ends of the earth.

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WHAT AMERICA MUST DO

After three weeks, the crash in share prices is still continuing in world stock markets. There is little argument over the essence of what is needed to ensure that this does not lead to a worldwide depression. Central banks must stand behind financial institutions and make good the liquidity lost by the fall in values. There is every reason to think that they will.

The leading free world industrial nations must also work together to co-ordinate anti-recession policies, such as cutting interest rates. For if they ply competitive national solutions as they did in the thirties, attempts to shift the problems on to foreigners will again lead world trade to shrink and all to suffer more. However hard the road, diplomacy must triumph over domestic politics.

The sharp words directed at Washington in Mr Nigel Lawson's Mansion House speech, supplemented by the Prime Minister's telegram to President Reagan, might not seem designed to promote co-operation. They represent, however, acute British and European fears that the wider American political system has still not grasped the interdependence of the US economy with the rest of the world. Without that acceptance in the US, softer diplomacy cannot begin in earnest.

The United States remains by far the most important single national economy. But the superpower dominance of the United States in political and defence matters is no longer matched in the economic sphere, where it is but one point on the European, Far East, North American triangle.

Unless this perception spreads beyond the White House and the Federal Reserve, there is little chance that the United States will take the action necessary to ensure co-operation with Europe and the Far East to keep the world economy growing. Mr Lawson, the Germans and – in more muted tones – the Japanese are asking the United States to make big cuts in the Federal Government's budget deficit to balance revenue and spending better.

Seen from a purely American perspective, this is a perverse request. Raising taxes or cutting government spending would seem the last thing a nation should do to prevent a slump. Rather, the deficit should be maintained to prevent a fall in money demand for goods while the Federal Reserve should cut interest rates to encourage investment. If that leads to further falls in the dollar, so be it, for that would redress the $150 billion trade deficit which will otherwise remain unless the Congress manages to push protectionist legislation through the President's veto.

From a wider perspective, such a policy would spell disaster. Britain has enough experience of devaluation to know that, while sometimes inevitable, it provides no cure for an economy's underlying distortions. Even if the devaluation policy worked, as Professor Lester Thurow argued on the opposite page yesterday, it would cost more than four million lost jobs in the rest of the world.

But it would not work. The first effect of devaluation is to raise a country's trade deficit because the cost of imports will rise at once while the volume of imports and exports will take months to adjust. In nervous markets that would cause the dollar to fall ever further in the absence of international co-operation to stop it.

Moreover, foreign (principally Japanese) investors would no longer want to buy weak dollars to invest in the US government debt needed to finance the budget deficit. Americans would have to save their money to fill the gap, instead of spending it. Alternatively, interest rates would have to rise sharply. Either way, the American economy would go into recession. During this process, protectionist laws would almost certainly be passed.

This is the shock so many, including Mr Lawson, have feared for the past three years. President Reagan's policy of expansion, to get America out of the post-1979 slump, set up a series of distortions in trade and financial markets round the world. The problem was that the United States pursued a lax budget policy – cutting taxes and raising spending – at the same time as a tight monetary policy, which raised interest rates and the dollar. Germany, Britain and others pursued orthodox anti-inflationary policies at the same time.

The $208 billion budget deficit of 1983 was a boon to the rest of the world. But instead of falling as the US economy boomed (because of reduced costs of unemployment and buoyant tax revenue) the deficit rose to a 1985-86 peak of $221 billion, leading to ever wider trade imbalances and wild swings in currencies and interest rates. The United States now has a structural budget deficit caused not by policy but by a political failure to balance the books.

The Louvre accord of February was set up to stabilize the dollar through support from world central banks. It depended on agreements to resolve the underlying economic imbalances. The Japanese, whose exports were worst hit by the yen's rise, expanded home demand at a respectable pace, the Germans less so. But there was never serious action on the US deficit.

Rather, the best hope for progress was removed. The Gramm-Rudman Act, which would have required the budget deficit to fall to $108 billion in the current year and to zero in 1991, was brought down by a constitutional hurdle. It has now been replaced by a much weaker provision which requires only a deficit of $144 billion this year, with a maximum cut of $23 billion if this target is not met. On present policies the deficit could still rise from $148 billion to $160 billion this year.

The Louvre accord ultimately failed, therefore, because financial markets lost faith in American ability to cut the deficit. They deduced that the dollar would fall and interest rates rise. This instability found its way into the share markets.

It is a relic of past mistakes that the United States enters a potential recession with a structurally high budget deficit, as Britain did twice in the seventies. For international co-operation to be fully revived, the rest of the world will now need the US Government and Congress to demonstrate that they are willing to cut the structural budget deficit. Otherwise, further international co-operation will be doomed to failure.

The deficit has stayed high because the President would not cut defence spending or raise taxes and the Congress would not cut anything else. It is vital that government and congressional leaders, locked in emergency deficit talks, should understand that they are addressing their trading partners as much as Wall Street. They appear to have set their sights low, at the $23 billion cuts demanded by the emasculated Gramm-Rudman Act.

What is needed instead is evidence of specific and quantifiable cuts in spending programmes or increases in tax rates sufficient to eliminate most of the structural deficit in the next three years. If the actual deficit then falls more slowly, or even rises, because recession brings falls in tax revenue or increases in welfare payments, that would not matter.

Straightforward tax imposts such as a levy on oil (though not just a tariff on oil imports) would show leadership by the President, though cuts in subsidies would be economically preferable. Only such a decisive concession by the President could create the second vital antidote to slump: abandonment by Congress of its protectionist trade Bills. If Mr Reagan agreed to tax increases in order to succeed on that front, he would show a higher order of leadership, not weakness.

DEADLINE FOR ARIAS

The Central American peace process stumbled across its first deadline yesterday without having achieved much more than a Nobel peace prize for its instigator, President Oscar Arias of Costa Rica. Although it has survived thus far, it is showing only intermittent signs of life.

The plan signed on August 7 by the governments of Nicaragua, El Salvador, Guatemala, Costa Rica and Honduras included a set of objectives to be reached in 90 days. These comprised a ceasefire, political amnesty, democratic reform, an end to foreign military aid and a promise that no part of their territory would be used for military action against another.

None of these has yet been met. The plan has inspired some movement in Guatemala and El Salvador, where governments and rebel movements have made contact – if, so far, without much result. Further imminent concessions are promised. A summit for all five presidents in early January is now seen as the date by which the peace agreement stands or falls.

The most important key to progress is held in Managua. So far, peace there has been impossible because of a refusal to talk to the leading Contra groups. But with his crumbling economy imposing cuts in public spending and fuel consumption, there is every incentive for Señor Ortega to move towards peace.

Is he prepared to do so? That is the question, which has so far been answered sceptically by Washington. The White House has decided to shelve until January its request to Congress for $270 million in military aid for the Contras. This will give the peace plan rather longer to prove itself and avoid, it is hoped, accusations that President Reagan is out to wreck it. But he and the leading Contras suspect that the Sandinistas are simply using the peace plan to play for time and have little real interest in restoring full democracy.

How far Señor Ortega can afford to do this depends to a large extent on the Soviet Union. The Russian ambassador in Managua said this week that his country was fully behind the Arias peace plan and – predictably – denied strategic interests in the region. The Reagan Administration and the Contras suspect the Russians of wanting a permanent beachhead on the Central American isthmus. There are certainly advantages for Moscow in stirring up trouble in the US back yard, particularly if the White House allows its attention to be diverted there from Europe.

But Moscow has also been showing signs of war weariness. There have been reports of Soviet military equipment not being replaced. Mr Gorbachov now has other things on his mind and Nicaragua is proving an expensive burden.

Both superpowers have an interest in seeing the peace plan work. Both have it within their grasp, if not to impose peace in Central America, then at least to make the prosecution of war more arduous. Next month they will meet for a summit in Washington to sign an arms agreement. Central America will have to be on the agenda too if President Arias is to win any prizes for achievement as well as for effort.

A bad blow

From Sir Richard Posnett

Sir, John Nichols (October 31) does well to draw attention to the misuse of tree preservation orders by some local councils who, even in the face of expert advice, tend to treat trees like buildings needing preservation rather than as living organisms needing regeneration. The vexing thing is that the right of appeal against such orders has been taken away. However, there is a way round this. If one applies for permission to fell the trees and this is refused by the council, an appeal then lies to the secretary of state and this will be determined by a qualified and experienced inspector.

The implied threat of such an appeal was sufficient, in my own recent case, to obtain permission to fell or lop more than 30 trees upon which the council had imposed a preservation order only six months before.

Yours etc.

RICHARD POSNETT,
Timbers, Northway,
Godalming, Surrey.
November 3.

In the third paragraph of yesterday's first leader "tax cuts" should have read "tax changes".

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

New life for old village schools

From Lord Denning

Sir, Many village schools have been closed. More are about to be closed. What is to happen to the buildings and sites of these disused schools? Who is entitled to sell them or dispose of them?

Before the closure these schools were in the possession of the local education authority. They employed the staff and kept the buildings in repair. After the closure many local education authorities have continued to keep possession of the buildings. They have acted as if they were the owners when in truth they were not. In some cases they have sold them and taken the proceeds of sale for themselves. In other cases they have let them to tenants and taken the rents for themselves. In yet other cases they have left them disused and unrepaired so that they have become very dilapidated.

It is high time that the local education authorities should be brought to book. They should be required to account for their stewardship. But who is to do it?

The trustees of the school should do it. But who are they? In all these cases, if you can find the title deeds, you will find that the school was founded 140 years and more ago, as a charity for the education of the children of the parish. The charity trustees were the vicar of the parish and his successors in office or some other responsible body. But it often happens that the title deeds have been lost or deposited in some forgotten archive. So there are no known trustees available to challenge the action of the local education authorities or to bring them to book.

What then is to be done? The answer is given by a small village in Hampshire called Wield, near Alresford. The local education authority closed the village school in 1963; but they continued to use the buildings for the next 20 years for their own purposes, paying no rent. They used the schoolhouse to accommodate employees, while the school itself was used for storage. Worse than that, they allowed the buildings to fall into serious disrepair.

The parish council then took up the matter. They brought it to the notice of the Charity Commissioners. They made an excellent scheme under which the trustees sold the site for £40,000. The sum was invested and the income used "to promote the education (including social and physical training) of children between five and 18 years of age who are resident in the parish". It is proving to be of great benefit to the village, especially the parents of young children.

This is a good precedent for others to follow. Get hold of the title deeds under which the school was founded. They may be in the vestry or in the county record office or in a solicitor's office. The deeds should show who are the charity trustees. Let them apply to the Charity Commissioners to establish a scheme. It should provide for the young people of the village rather than go to swell the funds of the local education authority.

Yours faithfully,
DENNING,
The Lawn,
Whitchurch, Hampshire.
November 2.

After the revolution

From Mr Michael Kettle

Sir, Gleb Kerensky is certainly correct (October 31) in chiding Norman Stone (article, October 24) for omitting all reference to the crucial Kornilov affair in the run-up to the October Revolution; but Mr Kerensky himself is only partly correct.

Kornilov, who has always been credited with the "brain of a sheep", was a good deal more intelligent than has ever been allowed. He claimed to have foreknowledge of a new German advance on Riga, timed to coincide with a further coming Bolshevik uprising, and constantly pressed the British War Cabinet for joint Allied diplomatic pressure on Kerensky to cooperate with him and reform the Provisional Government as the only peaceable way to save the Russian situation. But the War Cabinet, though sympathising with Kornilov, refused to act: and when they finally agreed that the British Ambassador in Petrograd was to present a Note to Kerensky urging him in the strongest possible way to cooperate with Kornilov, the ambassador refused.

When the Germans moved on Riga, Kornilov moved, too – to put down the Bolshevik rising he expected to occur in Petrograd. The Bolsheviks took no action. Kerensky denounced Kornilov as a traitor and ordered his arrest.

Contrary to what Gleb Kerensky says, no British minister wished to support Kornilov to overthrow Kerensky.

The British Ambassador, when he was belatedly told of the coming Kornilov "revolt", had strongly urged Kornilov to hold his hand and wait for the Bolsheviks to make the first move; and then come and put them down. If this had happened, the outcome would probably have been very similar to what later happened in Germany when Liebknecht and Rosa Luxembourg organised the communist uprising in January, 1919: they were at once savagely put down by German military officers in alliance with the moderate socialists.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL KETTLE,
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November 3.

Social classes

From the Director and Registrar General of the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys

Sir, The article by your Public Administration Correspondent ("Working class to be abolished", October 30) is misleading in two ways. First, OPCS has no intention of abandoning the system of classification known as "the Registrar General's social classes" and we shall continue to publish statistics based on this classification. What is at issue is the name, which has been criticised for many years because it implies that the classification embraces many social characteristics, whereas actually it is based entirely on groups of occupations.

Second, no decision has been taken. We are consulting users of the classfication. Those who favour retaining the present title can say so and those who have criticised it have a chance to suggest a better one.

Views and suggestions welcome!

Yours faithfully,
G. T. BANKS, Director and Registrar General,
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November 2.

Paul Daniels explains

From Mr Paul Daniels

Sir, The live transmission of my show on Hallowe'en achieved exactly the result I set out to obtain. In television we are, for the most part, in a no-win situation. If we continue to turn out the same format, week in, week out, we are heavily criticised along the lines of "same old faces, same old scripts", "very boring" etc, and yet when someone decides to change the format and step outside the "norm" the criticisms still come.

I think that my show on Saturday night has to be put into perspective and not distorted by a sensationalist Press.

I would like to deal with the several points that have been raised in order to express my own feelings about them. In doing this I am not trying to force you to accept them, merely to understand the reasoning.

1. Because there was an accident at the BBC some time ago where a member of the public, Michael Lush, died, the Press resurrect the story whenever possible. This has made the BBC hypersensitive to the Lush story and safety officers crawl over every piece of equipment to an amazingly over-the-top degree. As a professional involved occasionally in dangerous stunts, I personally would not rely on anyone else checking my equipment. I check it, and in most cases design it, and I am paid to take such risks. We were all shocked by Michael's death, but one accident must not stop an industry which has to offer spectacle and thrills as part of its entertainment or become very bland, plastic and boring.

2. The last trick on the Hallowe'en show has received a general criticism from the Press of being in bad taste but, of course, good or bad taste is a very subjective area. After all, good taste is only the material or opinion that agrees with your own. It was Hallowe'en and I decided to present a piece of black theatre to create suspense and horror for the viewers, much in the style of Orson Welles when, in the 1930s, he activated the nation with his radio version of *War of the Worlds*. Putting bad taste into my magical world would, I suppose, be doing a crucifix escape on the Easter show, but something macabre on Hallowe'en I think fitted the bill perfectly.

3. The third criticism I feel I have already answered – in that the effect shocked and horrified many people. Well, if I had been allowed to have had my way and create the total black theatre I wanted, it would have been a lot worse, and I had to come back a long way to satisfy the requirements of the BBC.

Please remember the following facts. You were warned in the final announcement before the show started that all is not as it seems. You received definite instructions to switch off before the final trick happened if you were of a nervous disposition (If you ignored that warning that is your fault, not mine). Didn't you think it amazing that, within two or three seconds of the trick ending, the BBC had on standby all the credits on a black background instead of our normal credit sequence, and within five seconds of the end of the credits a very pleasant young lady announced that she was delighted to see I had made it out of the Iron Maiden and was OK?

Finally I would like to say that on that night we had literally millions and millions of viewers, and only hundreds of telephone calls, which I believe proves that most people accepted the show for its original intention. Even of the hundreds of viewers that telephoned the vast majority were not complaining but expressing concern over my welfare. To those people I send my grateful thanks for the concern shown.

All the views expressed in this letter are my own and not those of the BBC.

Yours sincerely,
PAUL DANIELS,
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Doncaster, South Yorkshire.
November 2.

Fears over drug unit closure

From Dr Thomas H. Bewley and Professor A. Hamid Ghodse

Sir, We are writing to draw attention to a very serious threat to drug-dependence services in London. A proposal has been made that the joint St Thomas'/St George's drug-dependence treatment unit at Tooting Bec Hospital should be rapidly closed, losing, at a stroke, over a third (26 out of 68) of beds for drug-dependence patients in London.

This is the largest unit in the UK and has provided an unparalleled service for the past 20 years. Uniquely, it treats those patients with serious multiple problems who suffer from the most severe ill-health. It was initially funded for this purpose by the DHSS, but is now managed by the West Lambeth Health Authority, who propose to close it. All the drug clinics in London refer patients to this unit and are shocked by the suggestion of virtually instant closure.

If there is to be any attempt to prevent the further spread of HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) infection and Aids among drug abusers, drug-dependence treatment services will need to be protected. London is fortunate that it still has relatively low levels of HIV infection in the drug-abusing population. This is a tribute to the effectiveness of the present services, which have provided effective health education and advice and have reduced the chances of infection of all types.

When the Government is spending £3 million on a public education programme on Aids and drug misuse it is extraordinary that the West Lambeth Health Authority should wish to suddenly close a unit which plays an important role in the field of prevention of Aids.

The Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs has a working party which is urgently looking at the problems of prevention of the further spread of Aids by drug abusers. We very much hope the council, who will publish an interim report in December, will recommend that funds for drug-dependence services should be protected.

In the meantime, as a matter of extreme urgency, we call on the West Lambeth Health Authority to defer any decision to reduce these services until the interim report of the advisory council is published.

Yours sincerely,
THOMAS BEWLEY (Past President, Royal College of Psychiatrists),
HAMID GHODSE (St George's Hospital Medical School),
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November 3.

Market collapse

From Mr W. D. Parker

Sir, An immediate measure to reduce the United States budget deficit that would be widely welcomed would be the impositon of a federal duty on petroleum fuels to raise their price level to that in the EEC.

The efficiency of fuel utilisation in the United States is much lower than in any other industrialized country and the ready availability of low-cost fuel has been the principal cause of this situation.

There have been recent American accusations of European aircraft and other manufacturers receiving unfair government subsidies. It could equally well be argued that American manufacturers enjoy artificially low-cost energy costs, subsidised by the budget deficit.

Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM D. PARKER,
41 Coolhurst Road, N8.
October 31.

From Mr W. S. Hayes

Sir, In the dozens of articles which I have read on the stock market collapse, I have failed to find even one sentence on capital gains tax, the inhibiting effect of.

CGT certainly discouraged me and, I suppose, millions of others from being sellers as the market boomed. We thus, in a negative way, contributed to the euphoria. Let this economically-flawed and highly complicated impost be abolished forthwith.

Yours truly,
W. S. HAYES,
Campbell Villa,
Forest Row, East Sussex.
October 28.

From Mr Paul Bentley

Sir, Mr Robert Fell, newly-appointed senior chief executive of the Hong Kong stock exchange, speaking from his English home today (Business and Finance, October 29), was firm with your reporter. "It is impossible," he said, "to pontificate from 5,000 miles."

This will come as news to the Pontiff.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL BENTLEY,
25/9 Old Court Place,
Kensington High Street, W8.
October 29.

Flushed out

From the Right Reverend John Bickersteth

Sir, Truth is stranger than . . . memory, sometimes. Your correspondent, Jeremy Humphries (October 30), cannot have found in that intriguing 1981 yearbook, unless of course the entry itself was faulty, that the Bishop of Bath had been made Clerk of the Closet – for the simple reason that there has not been a Bishop of Bath since 1192.

In fact the vacancy was filled (in 1979) by the holder of an even more watery title, the Bishop of Bath and Wells, who until resignation from the see yesterday was and is

Yours truly,
†JOHN BICKERSTETH,
Clerk of the Closet to
HM the Queen.
Beckfords, Newtown,
Tisbury, Wiltshire.
November 1.

Shuffling papers

From Mr Alastair Ross

Sir, My wife was relieved to learn from Mr George Ditton's letter (October 27) that she was not harbouring the only newspaper-stapler in the world. Will it help his thumbs if I suggest that he need only staple each spread at one point – the top?

My problems arise when I look at the number of the back page and see that it is not divisible by four. How does the virtuoso stapler manage to anchor that loose sheet?

Yours faithfully,
ALASTAIR ROSS,
48 Mount Pleasant Road,
Ealing, W5.
October 28.

ON THIS DAY

NOVEMBER 6 1930

After Labour won the 1929 election the Liberals agreed informally to give the Government their general support. This early "Lib-Lab pact" did not last

LIBERAL SPLIT

RESIGNATION OF CHIEF WHIP

SIR JOHN SIMON'S WARNING

(From Our Parliamentary Correspondent)

The internal affairs of the Parliamentary Liberal Party have quickly reached a crisis. Sir Robert Hutchison, M.P., the Chief Liberal Whip, has resigned that office as a sequel to his decision to vote against the Government on Tuesday night, and Sir John Simon has authorized the publication of a letter written to Mr. Lloyd George on October 25, in which he declared that he has no confidence in the Government and that the Liberals are in danger of carrying offers of assistance to the point of subservience.

The following is the text of Sir John Simon's letter:–

My dear Lloyd George,– Before you meet the Liberal members on Monday and before Parliament opens next day, I feel I must write to you about our future policy, or at any rate about the attitude which I think should be adopted.

At the party meeting there is bound to be a discussion on our relations with the Labour Party, and the last thing I would wish is to take you unawares. The Labour Government has been in office for nearly 17 months, and has proved a complete failure in practically all departments. All your well-meant efforts to help it to do something effective and to get a more satisfactory understanding have produced no result except that Liberals are exposed to the reproach that they are keeping in friendly contact with the Socialists in an effort to save their own skins. We are in danger of carrying offers of assistance to the point of subservience, and I do not believe that this is the way in which Liberalism is likely to become a more effective force in national and Imperial affairs.

I gather that a principal legislative measure which the Government will ask the House of Commons to pass in the new Session will be a reversal of the present trade union law; I remain of the opinion I expressed in 1927, and do not consider the reversal justified. In any case, it will do nothing to meet our national emergencies. If, therefore, the question arises as to confidence in the Government, I shall feel obliged to vote in such a way as will show that I, at any rate, have no confidence in it

Yours very truly,

JOHN SIMON.

. . . Some surprise was expressed at the fact that, although the letter is dated October 25, it was not made public until yesterday. It seems, however, that the original copy, which was sent to Mr. Lloyd George at Churt, went astray, and was not brought to his notice until a week later. In the meantime, however, he had received a shorter letter from Sir John Simon, and this was read at the meeting of the Liberal Party which was held on the eve of the opening of the Session, so that throughout the debate on the Address Liberal members have been aware of his attitude.

Sir Robert Hutchison wrote to Mr. Lloyd George yesterday asking to be relieved of his office as Chief Whip. When he was reappointed Chief Whip at the beginning of the Session he made his views clear, but the majority of the party decided to continue to give the Government their general support. In the circumstances he feels that it is quite impossible to carry on his work. The matter will come before the meeting of the party on Monday, and it is assumed that the resignation will be accepted.

The division in the ranks of the party is thus made plain. Sir John Simon, Sir Robert Hutchison, Mr. Lambert, and three or four other members take the view that the Government are discredited in the country and that the Liberal Party will be similarly discredited if it does not take some definite steps to end the loose alliance that has existed for a year. . .

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE.
November 5: Mr E V Vines (Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Montevideo) and Mrs Vines had the honour of being received by The Queen this morning.

His Excellency Dr Francisco Kerdel-Vegas was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from Venezuela to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy, who had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty: Señor Edmundo Gonzalez Urrutia (Minister Counsellor), Rear Admiral Pedro Alirio Zambrano (Military, Naval and Air Attaché), Dra. Miriam Blanco Fombona de Hood (Minister Counsellor), Señorita Milena Santana (Counsellor), Señor Yolanda Reyna Iribarren (Third Secretary), Señor Rafael Casado Lezama (Third Secretary), Señora Sonia de Pittol (Attaché) and Señor Carlos Diaz Sosa (Attaché).

Señora de Kerdel had the honour of being received by The Queen.

Sir Patrick Wright (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs), who had the honour of being received by Her Majesty, was present and the Gentlemen of the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

Sir Walter Campbell (Governor of Queensland) and Lady Campbell had the honour of being received by The Queen.

Sir Derek Thomas was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Rome.

Lady Thomas had the honour of being received by The Queen.

The Right Hon Norman Tebbit, MP had the honour of being received by The Queen when Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of a Member of the Order of Companions of Honour.

The Queen this afternoon opened the new London City Airport in the Royal Docks.

Having been received by the Mayor of Newham (Councillor J R Clow) and the Chairman, John Mowlem and Company (Mr Philip Beck), Her Majesty unveiled a commemorative plaque and toured the Airport buildings.

Afterwards The Queen embarked in the Port of London Authority Barge 'Royal Nore' and escorted by the Chairman, Port of London Authority (Sir Brian Kellett) and the Chairman, London Dock Development Corportion (Mr Christopher Benson) proceeded through the Royal Docks.

The Queen's Bargemaster (Mr Edwin Hunt) and The Queen's Watermen were on duty.

The Right Hon Paul Channon, MP (Secretary of State for Transport, Minister in Attendance), the Duchess of Grafton, Mr Kenneth Scott, Air Vice-Marshal John Severne and Lieutenant-Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson were in attendance.

The Governor-General of Antigua and Barbuda and Lady Jacobs had the honour of being received by The Queen this afternoon.

The Duchess of York this morning attended the book launch of 'One Day for Life' for Search '88 at Claridge's.

Her Royal Highness was received by the Lord Mayor of Westminster (Councillor Kevin Gardner).

Mrs John Floyd was in attendance.

The Prince Edward this evening attended a reception at the Wembley Conference Centre, followed by a concert in Wembley Arena given by 'Marillion,' in aid of the Muscular Dystrophy Group of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

The Princess Royal, President, Riding for the Disabled Association, today attended the 18th Annual General Meeting of the Association at the Corn Exchange, Cambridge.

Her Royal Highness was received by the Mayor of Cambridge (Councillor Peter Cowell).

The Princess Royal, President, Royal Yachting Association, this evening attended a dinner at the Royal Thames Yacht Club, 60 Knightsbridge, London, SW1, during International Yacht Racing Union week.

The Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
November 5: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this morning planted a Cross of Remembrance in the Royal British Legion Field of Remembrance at St Margaret's Church, Westminster.

Her Majesty was present this evening at a Concert at the Royal Festival Hall given by the London Symphony Orchestra to mark the 60th birthday of Maestro Mstislav Rostropovich.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 5: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester was present this evening at a Banquet in aid of The British Appeal for The Nigerian Conservation Foundation in association with the International Council for Bird Preservation at the Banqueting Hall, Whitehall, SW1.

YORK HOUSE, ST JAMES'S PALACE
November 5: The Duke of Kent, Vice Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, today visited Crosfield Electronics Limited, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire and Perkins Engines Limited, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire.

His Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Sir Richard Buckley.

November 4: The Duke of Kent, Colonel-in-Chief the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, today received Lieutenant Colonel K R Whiteman on assuming command of the 6th Battalion and Lieutenant Colonel R P D Brook on relinquishing the appointment.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE, RICHMOND PARK
November 5: Princess Alexandra, Deputy Honorary Colonel, The Royal Yeomanry, this afternoon received Major General J G R Allen upon relinquishing the appointment as Colonel of the Regiment and Major General S C Cooper on assuming this appointment.

November 4: Princess Alexandra, Patron of People's Dispensary for Sick Animals, this afternoon received Sir Mark Tennant on retiring as Chairman of the Council of Management and Mr Francis Butters upon assuming the appointment.

As Patron of the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association. Her Royal Highness subsequently received Mr Ian Findlay on relinquishing the Chairmanship of the Association and Mr Colin Macpherson upon assuming this appointment.

Science report

Fossils will guide diggers

By Beatrice Lacoste

Engineers working on the Channel Tunnel are using fossils millions of years old to work out the best course to steer once drilling begins.

For 38 of its 50 km total length, the three-bore Channel will run beneath the sea, a new world record for a railway tunnel.

But the geology to be encountered by the mining teams will make the record a very challenging one to achieve.

Drilling will range from 25-100 metres below the sea bed, the trick being to stay within the best type of rock as drilling proceeds.

A stratum of soft, watertight blue chalk runs between Britain and France, a mixture of clay and chalk in a layer that is on average about 25 metres thick and ideal for drilling.

Above it lies harder, more fractured grey chalk and below lies clay.

French scientists of the Bureau for Geological and Mining Research (BRGM), working for the Anglo-French company Transmanche Link, have had the task of working out the best route through this sandwich.

"The layer of blue chalk follows a pattern more like that of corrugated iron than a straight line", says Patrick Margron, head of the BRGM project.

"It was very important to decide the boundaries of blue chalk accurately so as to avoid breaking up into the fragmented grey chalk where digging would be wet and tricky or into the clay which is too plastic".

The technique of bouncing sound energy emitted from a survey ship off the rock layers and analysing the echoes is used to find the boundaries between the layers.

However this method is not, by itself, sensitive enough to locate the crucial boundary between the blue and fragmented grey chalk; their constitution is too similar.

Fortunately a micro-fossil, *Rusrichelli*, which lived during a well-defined part of the Cretaceous era more than a hundred million years ago has come the the aid of the engineers.

Concentrated in a fine layer of chalk just one metre thick, the sub-millimetre shells of the fossils provide a sharp marker of the boundary between grey and blue chalk.

The scientists measured the echo produced by the boundary zone and have been able to trace the route of the blue chalk strata right across the channel.

As a result Eurotunnel, the Anglo-French company that finances and manages the tunnel, will be able to decide on the best route.

The maps produced, accurate down to one metre, will be a valuable time and money saver in a project that will cost about £1 million a day.



Ros Drinkwater, of *The Times*, with the Duchess of York, after she was presented yesterday with a trophy for the best picture taken by a Press photographer in the One Day For Life campaign. The project was organised by Search 88 in aid of cancer research, under the patronage of the Duchess. Everyone in Britain was invited to take a photograph last August 14. From the entry of just over 110,000 pictures 350 were selected for the One Day For Life book (Bantam Press £16.95). Miss Drinkwater's trophy, an engraved decanter, was presented to her at Claridge's Hotel, London for her photograph of Mr Charles Wilson, editor of *The Times*, reading a proof of a page of the newspaper containing the One Day For Life feature (Photograph: Tony Eyles).

Mr Humphry Berkeley regrets that he was unable to attend the memorial service for Mr Peter Goldman held yesterday at St Martin-in-the-Fields.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Colley Cibber, actor-manager and playwright, London, 1671; Adolph Sax, inventor of the saxophone, Dinant, Belgium, 1814; Richard Jefferies, naturalist, near Swindon, Wiltshire, 1848; John Philip Sousa, the "March King", composer and band conductor, Washington, 1854; Ignace Paderewski, pianist, composer, prime minister of Poland 1919, Kurylówka, 1860; Sir John Alcock, aviator, Manchester, 1892.

DEATHS: Heinrich Schutz, composer, Dresden, 1672; Kate Greenaway, artist and book illustrator, London, 1901; Sir Johnston Forbes-Robertson, actor-manager, St Margaret's Bay, Kent, 1937.

The first hydrogen bomb was exploded at Eniwetok Atoll in the Pacific by the United States, 1952.

Memorial Services

Mr P. Goldman
Mr Edward Heath, MP, was represented by Sir Brian Warren at a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr Peter Goldman held yesterday at St Martin-in-the-Fields. Canon Geoffrey Brown officiated. Mrs Rachel Waterhouse, Chairman of the Consumers' Association, read the lesson and Mr Bill Roberts read "*A Letter*" (from Memorials) by Jenny Joseph. Mrs Rhoda Karpatkin, President of the International Organization of Consumers Unions, Mr Jack Bell and Sir William Rees-Mogg gave addresses. Among others present were:

Mrs Goldman (widow) and other members of the family; Lord Bonham-Carter, Lord Windlesham, Baroness Elliot of Harwood, Lord and Lady Fraser of Kilmorack, Mr and Mrs Enoch Powell, Mrs Sally Oppenheim-Barnes, the Hon Lady Butler, Sir Thomas Chitty, Sir Philip Goodhart, MP, and Lady Goodhart, Lady Rees-Mogg, Sir Peter Parker, MP.

Mr John Beishon (chief executive, Consumers' Association) with Miss Rosemary McRobert (deputy chief executive) and other members of staff; Miss E Witoelar (Indonesian Consumers' Association), Mr Dick Westerdorp (Consumentien Bond, The Hague), Miss Benedicte Pinel (Bureau European des Unions de Consommateurs), Mr Stephen Crampton (Consumers in the European Communuty Group (UK)), Mr H Hawksley (chairman, Wine Standards Board) with Commander J Findlay (secretary); Miss Joyce Blow (Mail Order Publishers Authority), Mr Philip Attenborough (Hodder and Stoughton), Mr Peter Cropper (HM Treasury), Mr R R Osmer (Council for Licensed Conveyancers), Mr Michael Howard, QC, MP, Mrs J B Heasman (Trading Standards Department, Surrey County Council), Mr David Knapp (director, Conservative Political Centre), Mr Christopher Wragg (Dunstall Green and Company), Mr Anthony Howard (*The Observer*), Mrs Jill Moore (National Federation of Consumer Groups), Mr Robin Harris, (Conservative Research Department), Mr Richard Palmer (Consumer Affairs Department of Trade and Industry), Mr Robert Lindsey (secretary, Carlton Club), Mr Brian Madden (Pembroke College, Cambridge), Mrs Jack Bell, Mr J A T Douglas, Mr Paul Thompson (Coningsby Club), Mr Charles Montefili, Mr Michael Rubinstein, Mr Hilary Rubinstein, Professor Harold Rose, Mr Neville Sanderson and Professor Mary Douglas.

Lieutenant-Colonel P.H. Huth
The Duke of Edinburgh, Colonel-in-Chief, The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars, was represented by General Sir Brian Kenny, Colonel of the Regiment, at a memorial service for Lieutenant-Colonel Percival Henry Huth held on Wednesday at St George's, Hanover Square. The Rev W.M. Atkins officiated, assisted by the Rev S.J. Davies, Chaplain to VIII King's Royal Irish Hussars, Lüneburg. Major C.L. Comyn and Lieutenant-Colonel P.C. Hibbert read the lessons and Major J.A. Comyn gave an address. Among those present were:

Mrs Huth (widow), Miss S Dalsgaard-Nielsen (stepdaughter), Mr K R Thompson, Mrs P C Hibbert, Major and Mrs C O P Hanbury, Mr P Thompson, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs M J G Martin, Mr and Mrs W McKenzie-Coles, Mr Patrick Vaughn.

The Dowager Lady Egremont, Lord Grimthorpe, the Dowager Lady Hesketh, Sir Richard and Lady Keane, Sir Andrew Duff Gordon, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir James Scott, Sir Geoffrey Bates, Sir George and Lady Kennard, Grania Lady Duff Gordon, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Charles Lowther (Commanding Officer of the Queen's Royal Irish Hussars), General Sir John and Lady Hackett, Sir Nigel Strutt, General Sir Desmond and Lady Fitzpatrick, Major-General John Strawson, Major-General John Page (Royal Engineers), Major-General J H S Mabury, Major-General James Lunt, Major-General A E Younger, Brigadier M McCord (Colonel, The Royal Irish Rangers), Major T Sturgeon (The Royal Ulster Rifles), Major R R F Cowe (5th Fusiliers), Colonel R J Martin (Royal Armoured Corps Centre), Brigadier N C Harvey (Gloucestershire Regiment) and Mrs Harvey, Captain W Best (REME attached Vilth Hussars), Major J K Nairne (Corps of Queen's Messengers), Colonel J H Lidsey, Colonel J Blood Venner, Lieutenant-Colonel G P Rickford, Lieutenant-Colonel Frederick Burnaby-Atkins, Colonel and Mrs Stevenson, Mr and Mrs G Cooper, Captain and Mrs Osborne-Hurst, Countess Knuth, Mr Richard de Stacpoole, Mr David de Stacpoole, Mrs A de Stacpoole, Mr and Mrs John Dawson, Mr and Mrs A J Wright, Colonel and Mrs J G Wordsworth, Colonel H C Hanbury, Brigadier C Goulburn, Brigadier H T Pierson, Miss Antonia Pierson, Brigadier J T Paley, Brigadier and Mrs R S Webster, Brigadier R E Barron, Colonel G J Watson-Montgomerie, Colonel and Mrs C D B Troughton, Colonel Peter Ormrod, Colonel J L Sutro, Lieutenant-Colonel B R O'Rorke.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will visit the Commonwealth Institute to celebrate the silver jubilee of the institute at 10.45.
The Princess Royal will open a new primary education building at the College of St Paul and St Mary, Cheltenham, at noon and will speak at the degree ceremony at 2.45.
The Duchess of Gloucester will present certificates and awards to the St Bartholomew's School of Nursing ceremony at Guildhall at 2.55.
Prince Michael of Kent will visit the Dudley Business Venture and will open Grazebrook Industrial Park at 10.00.

Birthdays today

Lord Avonside, 73; Dr J.P. Barber, master, Hatfield College, 56; Professor Lord Bauer, 72; Mr James T. Bowman, counter-tenor, 46; Mr Frank Carson, comedian, 61; Dr K.B. Griffin, president, Magdalen College, Oxford, 49; Mr Bernat Klein, designer, 65; Admiral Sir Anthony Morton, 64; Mr Mike Nichols, film director, 56; Sir Martin Roth, psychiatrist, 70; Sir Oliver Scott, radiobiologist, 65; Major-General J. Scott Elliott, 85; Sir George Sinclair, population and development advisor, 75; Lord Stewart of Fulham, CH, 81; Sir Gordon Whitteridge, diplomat, 79.

Beefsteak Club

The Trustees and Committee of the Beefsteak Club wish to announce the club's return to its premises in Irving Street, on Monday, November 9, 1987.

Reception

Moore Stephens
Rag Giuseppe Barranco, Chairman of Moore Stephens Europe, was host at a reception in Brussels on Wednesday evening to mark the opening there of the *Moore Stephens Community* Office.



Mr Norman Tebbit, outgoing chairman of the Conservative Party, after The Queen had invested him with the insignia of a Member of the Order of Companions of Honour at Buckingham Palace yesterday.

All those in favour of keeping the dog licence sign here:



According to the latest figures, an estimated 200,000 dogs are registered as strays each year: over 40% are destroyed. So, lack of Government action will condemn to death another 80,000 unwanted dogs in the next 12 months.

Now the Government intends to abolish the dog licence as part of new legislation currently going through Parliament.

Don't let the Government turn its back on the stray dog problem. Support the RSPCA's Charter for Responsible Dog Ownership. For your free Information Pack, simply fill in the coupon and return it to: RSPCA, FREEPOST, Northampton, NN4 0BR. Or better still, telephone (0604) 767676 now.

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OBITUARY

MR ÉAMONN ANDREWS

A life in broadcasting

Mr Éamonn Andrews, hon. CBE, who died yesterday, at the age of 64, was completely a man of the television age. As sports commentator, quiz chairman, interviewer, and "host" to show business personalities, he became a national celebrity, not from the exercise of any acquired or traditional expertise but simply by virtue of being himself: charming and apparently unflappable.

He was born on December 19, 1922, the son of a Dublin carpenter. He was educated by the Christian Brothers at Synge Street, Dublin. He was a prize-winning choirboy; and, while still a schoolboy, became All Ireland juvenile boxing champion (middleweight). At the age of 16 he offered himself to Radio Eireann as a boxing commentator, and he was accepted.

He continued as such, giving also commentaries on rugby and soccer, while a clerk in a Dublin insurance company. In addition, he studied acting under Ria Mooney at the Abbey, took part in plays on Radio Eireann, and had his own play, a solemn (and unsuccessful) work entitled *The Moon is Black*, produced at the Peacock. All this became too much for an insurance clerk, and when Andrews became the radio critic of the *Irish Independent* he decided to leave the firm. His programme of talks and interviews, *Microphone Parade*, ran for almost three years without a break.

English audiences first met him in 1949, when he toured England with the Joe Loss Band Show as chairman of a "Double or Nothing" quiz. In the following year, he took over from Stewart MacPherson as the presenter of the successful BBC quiz programme, *Ignorance is Bliss*. Over the ensuing years his work, apart from television boxing commentaries, was in sound radio, and remarkably varied; he was involved not only in *Sports Report* but also in *A Book at Bedtime*, *Housewives' Choice*, and in interviewing celebrities.

It was in July 1951 that his television career proper began, as chairman of the panel game *What's My Line?* Four years later he began to run his own programme *This is Your Life* — "the unofficial honours list" — which, perhaps because of its kind-



hearted, sentimental approach to its subjects, their lives and achievements, became enormously popular.

The family and friends were in on the secret; it was the "victim" and the audience who were in the dark until the last minute when Éamonn, clutching the big red book with the gold embossed inscription *THIS IS YOUR LIFE*, would pounce and utter to so-and-so, brogue in cheek, those immortal words: "dis is yur loife".

The life, a naked biography compressed into half-an-hour, was embellished by anecdotes from all manner of acquaintance, with Aunt Ada flown in from the other side of the world for the finale, copious tears tearing down her cheeks. Early on, Éamonn himself had the red book turned on him.

When he was not pouncing he was also doing for the BBC, among other things, the children's programmes *Crackerjack!* and *Playbox*. He four times won awards as "TV Personality of the Year".

In 1960 he became chairman of Radio Éireann and helped to set up Irish television; but this did not interrupt his work on the other side of the Irish Sea.

In 1964 his contract with the BBC expired, and the Corporation took it upon itself to terminate *This is Your Life*. A disapproving Andrews moved to Independent Television as "link man" for Saturday afternoon's *The World of Sport* and as host to show business and other celebrities in *The Eamonn Andrews Show*, which, in the course of four years, slowly discovered that a Sunday evening audience was ready to accept some serious conversation as well as professional flippancy and show business gossip. The show ran throughout the 1970s and was the forerunner of similar "chat shows".

The re-organization of Independent Television in 1968 took Andrews away from sport to become the presenter of a regular week-night current affairs programme, *Today* — a job which he did for ten years. *This Is Your Life* was then resuscitated, and it ran and ran, attracting huge audiences without fail.

In 1984 Andrews' career came full circle with the revival, under his chairmanship, of the show that first made his name, *What's My Line?*

It was possible to watch Éamonn Andrews carefully for a long time without noticing the professional skill with which he worked, guiding a conversation, drawing none of the limelight to himself. It is not to do him justice simply to say that he had "the gift of the gab"; what he did was to imbue his guests with a confidence which allowed them to shine through. In this he showed an unobtrusive professionalism which seemed to belong to his character and to the world of television, so that it would be entirely meaningless in any other world.

The remarkable affection which television viewers felt for Éamonn Andrews was based, however, not only on the skill of his work. It grew, too, from his genuine interest in, and friendliness for, people. These qualities made it easy for his audience to identify with him and to feel that he had taken them with him to meet and share the world of gorgeous actresses, brilliant comedians and cheerfully ebullient politicians.

Andrews was a man of considerable business interests. He was also a devout Roman Catholic, and received a Papal knighthood in 1964 for his charitable works. His autobiography, *This is My Life* (1963), reads like an extended script for the programme by which he was most famous and from which the book adapts its title. A further book of reminiscences, *Surprises of Your Life*, appeared in 1978. He never relinquished his Irish citizenship.

He married, in 1951, Gráinne Bourke, who survives him with their adopted children: a son and two daughters.

M GEORGES FRANJU

M Georges Franju, the French film director noted for his treatment of fantasy and the macabre, died yesterday. He was 75.

Born on April 12, 1912 in the village of Fougères, he trained as a stage designer and designed sets for theatres and music halls before turning his interest towards the cinema.

He made his first film, a short called *Le Métro*, in 1934, with Henri Langlois, and two years later they founded the *Cinémathèque Français*, the French national film archive.

From 1938 to 1945 Franju was secretary of the International Federation of Film Archives, and after the Second World War he began to make his name as a film-maker, with a series of short documentaries to which he gave an intense personal expression.

The first, which achieved a subsequent notoriety, was *Le Sang des Bêtes* (1949), which contained shocking images from an abattoir, while *Hôtel des Invalides* matched it in its scenes of mutilation and death. Franju also made an affectionate tribute to Georges Méliès, the French cinema pioneer and master of the fantastic.

He turned to features in 1958 with *La Tête Contre Les Murs*, and over the next few years established an international reputation with films which were notable not only for their sense of the surreal and bizarre but also reflected Franju's passion for old silent films which had been stirred during his association with Langlois at the Cinémathèque.

Les Yeux Sans Visage (1959) was a fantasy thriller built around a skin graft with many shocking images, and in 1962 he made a powerful screen version of François Mauriac's novel, *Thérèse Desqueyroux*.

In *Judex*, one of his most skilfully realised works, he paid tribute to the silent screen serials of Louis Feuillade while adding his own brand of surrealism.

Thomas L'Imposteur was adapted by Jean Cocteau from his own novel of the First World War, while another film of the 1960s was based on Emile Zola's story, *La Faute de l'Abbé Mouret*, about a priest's descent into earthly delights.

In 1974 he returned to the fantasy-thriller with *L'Homme Sans Visage*, drawing again on the world of comic strip fiction.

Among his later films were an adaptation of Joseph Conrad's novel, *The Shadow Line*, and *The Last Melodrama*, a charming and funny story of a travelling theatre. Franju also made films for French television.

DR IAN CROMARTIE

Dr Ian Cromartie, CMG, who died on October 18, at the age of 58, was a scientist turned diplomatist who made some important contributions to chemical arms control.

Ronald Ian Talbot Cromartie was born on February 27, 1929, and educated at Sherborne and Clare College, Cambridge.

From 1950 to 1958 he did scientific research at Cambridge and at Tübingen, and then spent two years as a university demonstrator at Cambridge, before joining the Foreign Office in 1961.

After wide international experience in scientific counselling posts, he became leader of the United Kingdom delegation to the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva, in 1982, having spent an earlier period as the UK Permananet Representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency and the United Nations industrial development organization in Vienna.

He was chairman of the chemical weapons negotiations at the Conference on Disarmament last year, and will be particularly remembered for his wise and patient leadership and for his innovative contributions to the complex verification issues.

If a properly verifiable chemical arms control treaty is within reach, this can be held due, in part, to Cromartie's efforts.

He married, in 1962, Jennifer Frances Fairfax-Lucy, who survives him with their three children.

CAPTAIN R. G. MILLS

Captain R. G. (Ronnie) Mills, DSO, DSC and two Bars, wartime submariner and escort commander, died on October 30. He was 84.

After gaining a DSC in command of the submarine *Tetrarch*, during the Norway campaign, he was switched to convoy escort work.

In 1943 his 8th Escort Group was involved in protecting convoys carrying troops and supplies to the beachheads during the invasion of Sicily.

His "flagship", the destroyer, *Inconstant*, commanded by Lieutenant-Commander Eaden, took a useful scalp when it sank U 409, which was stalking a convoy of what were, in fact, empty troopships.

In March, 1945, he was commanding the 3rd Escort Group, part of the naval forces which harried the U-boats in their valiant but doomed attempt to disrupt Allied shipping in the narrow seas. When the Channel grew too hot for the U-boats, they withdrew to the west and concentrated off the coast of Cornwall, where U 399 sank a small coaster.

Mills, in the frigate *Duckworth*, made for the spot and dispatched this assailant. Three days later his fine toothcomb patrols detected U 246 which was similarly depth-charged out of existence.

Besides his DSO and three DSCs, Mills was several times mentioned in despatches. After the war he rose to become Captain in Command of the Anti-Submarine School, Portland.

MR IAN McCALLUM

Mr Ian McCallum, director of the American Museum in Britain, died on October 29, at the age of 67.

For some years he was executive editor of *The Architectural Review*, and was also on the committee of the Georgian Group, as well as being chairman of the Bath Preservation Trust.

In 1959 he was invited to become the first director of the American Museum in Britain, and joined a team in the conversion of Claverton Manor, a neo-classical country house near Bath, which became the museum's home.

It was work which gave his talents as architect, interior designer and landscape gardener full play, and resulted in the first museum of its kind to be established outside the United States.

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He was unmarried.

Mr Liang Shih-chiu, who spent thirty years translating Shakespeare's thirty-seven plays into Chinese, died in Taiwan on November 3. He was 86.

This mammoth project, which he began in the 1930s, was completed in 1967. He still found the time to write, in Chinese, a history of English literature, as well as to compile a Chinese/English dictionary.

He is survived by his wife, Ching Ching, and by a son and a daughter.

Service Dinners

15th/19th The King's Royal Hussars
The 15th/19th The King's Royal Hussars Officers' Dinner held last night at the Cavalry and Guards Club, 127 Piccadilly, London W1. Brigadier J.R.D. Sharpe was in the chair.

City of London TA&VRA
Major and Alderman Peter Newall presided at a Club London Territorial Army and Volunteer Reserve Association dinner held last night at the Armourers' Hall. Others present included:

Alderman Sir Robert Gilbert, Sheriff Richard Nichols, Lord Mayor's Chaplain Canon Clifford Bax, Colonel and Brigadier Commandant A.R. Hamilton, Major and Mrs David Jacobs.

2nd Punjab Regiment
Brigadier C.J. Tobin presided at the annual dinner of the Regimental Officers' Association held last night at the Army and Navy Club.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all to stand.
Ephesians 6 : 13

BIRTHS

BOHME - On October 8th, at Abbott-Northwestern Hospital, Minneapolis USA, to Kathryn (née Marsh) and Paul, a daughter, Elizabeth Ruth, a sister for Victoria.

BUTLER - On October 21st, in Rendsburg, West Germany to Karen (née Anscomb) and Peter, a daughter, Philippa Louise, a sister for Oliver Charles.

CARROLL - On November 2nd, at The Westminster Hospital, London, to Kate (née Cortis) and Tony, a daughter, Emma Louise.

COATES - On October 29th, to Linda (née Lehahn) and Ian, a daughter, Victoria Anne, a sister for Richard.

COMPSTON - On October 29th, to Caroline (née Odgers) and Christopher, a son, Rupert Peter Robin.

CULLIS - On November 4th at Queen Charlotte's, to Penny (née Mudd) and John, a daughter, Georgina, a sister for James.

DAYLIFF - On November 1st, to Miranda (née Milner) and Robert, a daughter, Jemma Lucy Ponder.

HUGHES - On November 3rd, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Jane (née Hocking) and John, a son, Timothy, a brother for Lucy.

KENNEDY - On November 2nd, at University College Hospital London, to Victoria (née Hattersley) and George, a son (Robert George) a brother for Susannah.

KENYON - On November 3rd, to Carolyn (née Drinkwater) and Crispin, a daughter, Isabel Sophia Curtis (Sophie), a sister for William.

MACLEAN - On November 2nd 1987, to Sue and Jamie, a daughter, Kirsty Jane, Blar-Nan-Craobh, Lentran, Inverness.

MARTYN - On October 30th, to Angela (née Jones) and David, a son, Charles de Recourt.

NICOLE - On November 4th, to Lisa (née Ropner) and Mark, a daughter, Lucy Sophia Katherine.

NORRIS - On October 25th, in Issy, France to Lise (née Chapuis) and Hugh, a son, Alexander Arthur.

TYSOME - On October 29th, to Barbara (née Crawford) and Larry, a daughter, Tessa Zoe.

WARNER - On November 3rd, at The Portland Hospital, to Karen (née Talno) and Frank, a daughter, Kate Elizabeth.

WATSON - On November 4th, to Roslyn (née Holman) and Philip, a daughter, Leonie Alice, a sister for Annabel.

WILLIAMS-JONES - On October 30th, to Amanda (née Charlton) and Huw, a son, Harri.

MARRIAGES

TRENCH:SU - On November 3rd 1987, in Nairobi, Chris son of Mr D.P. Trench of Diard & Mrs C.J. Thornton of Nairobi to Cynthia daughter of Mr and Mrs K.C.Y. Siu of Hong Kong.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

CARBONELL:CURDIE On November 6th 1937 in Kuala Lumpur Bill to Dargen. Now at Tanhouse Lane, Alton, Hants.

HALE-WILSON - On 6th November 1937, at Saint Bartholomew the Great, Smithfield, Matthew Hale to Suzanne Wilson.

DEATHS

ANDREWS - On November 5th 1987, peacefully, Eamonn, greatly loved husband of Grainne, and loving father of Emma, Fergal and Niamh. 'Sursum Corda'. The Funeral will take place in Dublin. Details of a Memorial Mass in London will be announced later. All enquiries to A. France & Son. Tel:01 405 4901.

ANKER - On November 3rd, Gwendoline, peacefully at Bernard Sunley Home, Woking. Beloved wife of Jan Anker. Service at All Saints Church, Sanderstead on Tuesday, November 10th at 11 am. Family flowers only but if desired donations to Charity of own choice.

ARUP - On November 4th 1987, peacefully at home John Dahl, much loved husband of Pauline and father of Peter and Clive and Farfar to James and Oliver. Funeral Service at Woking Crematorium on Tuesday November 10th at 11.30am.

BAIRD - On November 4th 1987, Jacqueline Mae Baird, BA Hons, MA, at St Joseph's Hospice after a particularly courageous fight. Wife of Robert and Mother of Helen, Anna and Robert, joint editor of Executive Grapevine, London and New York. Funeral November 11th, 12 noon at Southwark Cathedral, followed by cremation. Family flowers only, no Mourning. Donations to St Joseph's Hospice Hackney E8.

BEVAN - On November 4th, at Humana Hospital NW8, peacefully after a short illness while visiting England, Henry George Moore Bevan (Wency) much loved and respected cousin and friend. Funeral service Golders Green Crematorium, Wednesday 11th November 3.15pm. No flowers.

BRIGGS - On November 2nd 1987, suddenly at home, James Hilsdon M.A., F.I.E.E. aged 73 years. Funeral Service at Compton Parish Church, Surrey on Monday November 9th at 2.30 pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Elizabeth McAlmont Memorial Trust Association, c/o J. Gorringe & Son Funeral Directors, 55 Hare Lane, Farncombe, Godalming, Surrey tel: 04868 6403.

BUCKLEY - On November 3rd 1987, Evelyn Joyce, aged 85, widow of Colin Burton Buckley, formerly of Windermere, Westmorland.

DENT - On November 3rd 1987, peacefully in hospital, John Kelvin beloved husband of Elizabeth. Funeral Service at Kingston Crematorium 11.00am Monday November 9th. No flowers please. Donations if desired to Radiotherapy Research Fund, St Thomas's Hospital, London SE1.

DOUGLAS - On November 1st, suddenly at home, Kathleen Mary (nee Penty), widow of James (Jim). Funeral on Monday November 9th, Putney Vale Crematorium at 11.30 am. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to St Mary's Church, The Parish Office, 3 Arthur Road, SW19.

EAST - On Tuesday, November 3rd 1987, peacefully in Jersey, C.I., Spencer Ivan East, a much loved father and grandfather. Enquiries to G. E. Croad Ltd, Funeral Directors. Tel: Jersey (0534) 33330

GAIR - On November 4th, peacefully, in Thropton, West Chirnells, Edward of Coleridge. Dearly loved husband of Ishbel and stepfather of Fiona. Funeral private. No flowers thank you.

GALPIN - On November 1st, 1987, Elizabeth Maud, wife of the late Brigadier Stephen Galpin and mother of Richard. Funeral Service takes place at Cambridge City Crematorium on Friday, November 20th at 11.30 am. No flowers by request but donations if desired for the MacMillan Nursing Service to F. Hammond & Son, 182 High Street, Newmarket, Suffolk. Tel: 0638 665916 please. Interment of ashes will take place at the Parish Church of Mary the Virgin, Hatfield Broadoak on Tuesday, November 24th at 12 noon.

GILLINGHAM - On October 31st, Kenneth John, Priest of the Diocese of Llandaff, aged 69. The body to be received in St. Saviours Church, Splott, Cardiff, on Thursday 5th November at 6.30 pm. The reception will be followed by Rosary and a requiem Mass. The Funeral Mass to take place at the Parish Church of Cardiff, St Mary the Virgin, Bute Street, on Monday 9th November, at 12.00 noon, followed by burial at St Pauls Church, Sketty, Swansea, at 3pm. Priests are invited to concelebrate at both masses. No flowers, donations to St. Saviours Centenary Fund. Requiescat in Pace.

HALL - On November 3rd, 1987, peacefully at home after a long illness bravely borne, Cecil Charles Hall C.B. P.H.D. M.S.C. F.R.S.C. F. Inst. E. aged 80 years, adored husband of Margaret. Funeral Service at St. Nicholas Church, Old Stevenage, Herts., on Tuesday November 10th at 2.30pm. Family flowers only please, donations for the Stevenage Rotary Club Charities or the British Iris Society, may be sent C/O W. Austin & Sons (Stevenage) Ltd, 9 & 11 Letchmore Road, Stevenage, Herts. tel: 0438 316623.

HARARI - On November 3rd 1987, suddenly, Max, beloved husband of Jane, much loved father of Phillip and Mary Ann, and grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral at St Etheldreda's, Ely Place, on Tuesday November 10th at 2.30pm. A memorial service will be announced later. Enquiries to: Ann Bonham & Son. Tel: Northampton 34366.

HARCOURT - On November 3rd 1987, Richard Brian Harcourt, F.R.C.S., beloved husband of Margaret and dear father of Jane and Terry, Patrick and Jonathan. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Kirkby, Overblow, Harrogate on Monday November 9th at 12.00 noon. Family flowers only, donations may be sent to St Gemmas Hospice, Moortown, Leeds 17.

HICKSON - On November 4th 1987, Jacqueline Mae Hickson. See Baird.

HOLMES - On November 3rd 1987, peacefully, Evelyn Mary, aged 93, beloved aunt of Margaret Stuart.

KAHN - On October 31st 1987, Elizabeth Smith Parnell, widow of the late Edward Kahn, at her home in Bournemouth. Funeral to be held at 3.15 pm Tuesday 10th November, at Bournemouth Crematorium. Funeral Directors Harry Tomes ltd. Tel 0202 34340.

LAWRENCE - On November 3rd, aged 89, Jacynth, beloved wife of Sir John Lawrence and mother of John, Julia, Hugh, and grandmother. Requiem Mass at Saint Mary's, Cadogan street, SW3, on Wednesday November 11th, at 11am, and afterwards at Mortlake Crematorium

LOWDER - On October 31st 1987, Edna Charlotte at home in Cambridge in her 93rd year. For fifty years the beloved and loving wife of the late Hugh Lowder, formerly of the Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs Service. Family funeral.

MACKINDER - On Tuesday November 3rd 1987, Malcolm Douglas aged 28 years, 89 Irvine Place, Aberdeen. Dearly beloved husband of Heather Elizabeth Williamson and much loved son of Lt. Col. and Mrs C.A. Mackinder. Funeral service in Queen's Cross Church, Aberdeen on Saturday November 7th at 11.00am. All friends welcome, cremation thereafter private.

MURRAY - On November 1st, peacefully at her home, Dr. Moira aged 75 late of Chelsea Women's Hospital. Funeral Service at St. Luke's Chelsea on Wednesday, November 11th at 2.30pm. No flowers by request, but donations to the Cats Protection League, 17 Kings Road, Horsham, West Sussex RH13 5PP gratefully received. Enquiries Kenyon's 01 834 4624.

NEVILL - On All Saints Day 1987, Margaret Joan, aged 85 years, widow of Percy Bantock Nevill of Bramshaw, Reigate Heath. Elder daughter of the late George and Aphhia Woodroffe of Wimbledon. Funeral at noon on Monday, November 9th at St Mary The Virgin, Buckland. No flowers, donations if wished to the Olave Baden-Powell Society, 12c Lyndhurst Road, London NW3 5PQ.

NICKSON - Philip William, in loving memory of my dear son who was killed in London on November 6th 1985 by one as yet unknown. We honour your memory today Phil, and keep you in our hearts forever. Loving mother and family.

RAE - On November 3rd, peacefully after a long illness bravely borne, Phillipa, beloved wife of Angus and much loved mother of James, Camilla and Caroline. Funeral Service at Shabbington Parish Church on Saturday November 14th at 12 noon. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to Christian Aid.

THOMAS - On October 30th 1987, at his home in Bromley, Kent, Hubert Glyn, aged 81 years, husband of the late May and beloved father of Erica. Funeral Service at Beckenham Crematorium Chapel on Tuesday November 10th at 4.00pm. Enquiries please to Francis Chappell & Sons, 231 High St Bromley. 01 460 1720.

TOWNSEND - On October 30th, suddenly Harry, of Urchfont and Castletownshend. Beloved husband, father, and grandfather. Funeral, Urchfont Parish Church, 2 pm, Friday November 6th. Family flowers only, donations to Samaritans please.

WELLER - On October 30th 1987, after a short illness, John G. Weller, aged 75 years. Service to take place at the United Reform Church, Marsh Green, near Edenbridge, on Wednesday, November 11th at 2.00pm. No flowers please, but donations, if desired, to League of Friends, Edenbridge Hospital.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

HARVEY - A memorial service for Pat will be held on Monday November 9th at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside EC2 at 11.45am. All friends and business colleagues most welcome.

MEAD - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Lloyd Mead, F.C.A., past Clerk to the Vintners' Company, will be held on November 18th 1987 in St. James' Garlickhythe, EC4, at 12 noon.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

DRUMALBYN - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of the Right Honourable Lord Drumalbyn of Whitesands, PC KBE, will be held at Crown Court, Russell Street, WC2, on December 3rd 1987, at 5 pm.

HARBORD - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Alec Harbord will be held in the Chapel, of St Paul's School, London SW13, on Wednesday 25th November 1987 at 6.30pm.

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THE ARTS

Back to the future

40 Minutes **(BBC2) began its winter season with an unsensational glance at the aftermath of international terrorism. Two years ago a TWA airliner was hijacked over Algeria and later flown to Beirut, where the passengers were incarcerated before finally being released.**

It may be a measure of the prevalence of such acts that *one needed to be reminded of* the specific circumstances — particularly of the moment of black *farce when the chief* stewardess was forced to pay for 45,000 gallons of fuel with her credit card.

In contrasting the later lives of three survivors of the hijack, the programme invited us

TELEVISION

to wonder at the apparently *arbitrary dispensation of fate.*

An American roofing contractor, singled out by the terrorists for especially atrocious treatment, was assailed *in extremis* by a vision of Jesus Christ on a lump of black basalt; after his release he became a born-again Christian, and so — perhaps more *significantly* — did his erstwhile despairing wife.

This seemed patently genuine, but one did wonder whether the other interviewees (an American businessman and a Welsh stewardess whose *lives have changed for the* worse) might not have experienced similar reversions had *they too been beaten half to* death.

There was no mention here of one of the more curious aspects of being held hostage — that the victims often report the growth of emotional bonds with their captors — and one was left with the uneasy idea that perhaps the stress of illegal imprisonment can be assuaged only by the catharsis of extreme physical violence.

Earlier, *This Week* (Thames) added a disturbing footnote to the great Ethiopian famine of 1984, when a delay in rubber-stamping a food requisition held back the United Nations' first instalment of aid for a crucial three weeks.

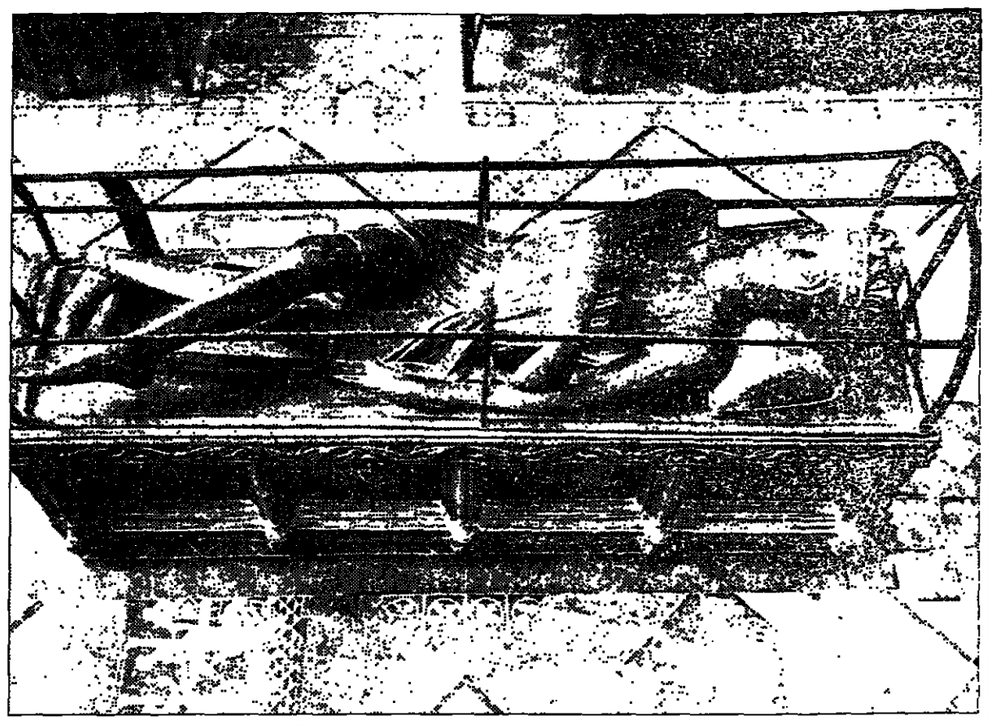
The reporter Peter Gill built up a credible case of empire-building against a top UN bureaucrat who signed the order only after an Ethiopian delegate had been removed from office. *Propter hoc* or simply *post hoc?*

Confronted by Mr Gill's impersonation of a courteous terrier with a stick-mike, an information officer belied his job title by hiding behind a tree.

Martin Cropper

All our yesterdays

John Julius Norwich hails The Age of *Chivalry exhibition*, devoted to English art under the Plantagenets, which opens at the Royal Academy today, as breathtaking



Effigy: Robert Curthose, son of William the Conqueror, recumbent but poised as if to spring, from Gloucester Cathedral. Below: Cat and mouse — a misericord from Winchester Cathedral. Both courtesy Dean and Chapter



Halfway along the north wall of the second room of this breathtaking exhibition, glowing duskily through the gloom, hangs the Hereford World Map.

At its centre lies Jerusalem; at the *top — which represents the furthest* east — is Paradise, while the British Isles are tucked away, almost unrecognizably, in the bottom left hand corner. Dotted across Africa (labelled Europe, the artist having *somewhat* carelessly reversed the names of the two continents), are pictures of the Anthropophagi, and Men whose Heads do Grow beneath their Shoulders.

In the corner, a knight is riding out on life's journey with his squire, and next to his horse's head is the letter "R" which, when read with the letters "M", "O" and "S" in the other corners, reminds us of his sure and certain destination. Presiding over the whole map, a vigorous representation of the Last Judgement makes doubly sure that the point is not lost.

Of all the treasures gathered for the next four months at Burlington House — and together constituting the largest exhibition ever mounted of English art under the Plantagenets — this map most perfectly reflects the late medieval world: a world pervaded at every level by religion and constantly overshadowed by the fear of hell, yet somehow radiating a freshness and innocence, and an exuberance of imagination, which was to be destroyed for ever by the Renaissance.

And there was another thing about that world: it must have been teeming with craftsmen. Admittedly, with every necessity of daily life having to be made individually by hand with the simplest tools, it could hardly have been otherwise.

Yet to contemplate this sumptuous array of paintings and sculptures, of jewels and manuscripts, of embroidery and stained glass, all dating from a period during which the population of London was only 40,000 strong and that of the whole country not much more than a million — a period, moreover, which also saw the building of a score of immense cathedrals and some 12,000 parish churches — remembering all the while that a minute proportion this must be of the total output, is to be flabbergasted at the sheer creativity of the 13th and 14th centuries.

The show begins with a bang. The first room is devoted to Kingship, and there straight ahead of you is a tall circlet of 12 golden lilies studded with pearls, rubies and sapphires — the oldest existing royal crown of England, and to my eye, by far the loveliest. Part of the dowry of Henry IV's daughter Blanche, it seems formerly to have belonged to Anne of Bohemia, Queen of Richard II.

Next to it is the dove-topped sceptre of Henry III's brother Richard of Cornwall, who was elected King of the Romans — normally the last step before becoming Holy Roman Emperor — in 1257. Walking round the tremendous effigy of Robert Curthose (son of the Conqueror) from Gloucester Cathedral — recumbent, but poised as if to spring — we then catch sight of the pièce de résistance of Room 2 (Pilgrimage): one of the seven great windows, 22 feet high, from Canterbury Cathedral, depicting the life and posthumous miracles of Thomas Becket.

Perhaps the greatest glory of the whole exhibition is its stained glass, which is ultimately to bring it to a blazing finale in the central Octagon, *now retitled* **The Heavenly Jerusalem**; but this window is the best of all. After a few more thematic sections (The Church, The Nobility, Towns and Merchants, Peasants, Cathedrals, etc), these gave way to a chronological treatment by reigns, which however they continue to punctuate at irregular intervals.

One of the most fascinating of the later sections deals with Gothic architecture seen through the eyes of subsequent generations. Thus we find John Aubrey providing notes and sketches in his own hand illustrating the development of successive styles; William Blake recording the opening of Edward I's tomb in 1774; Turner contributing his superb watercolours of the Chapter House at Salisbury and the sunlight streaming through the Ely Octagon; and William Burges doing his brilliant best to reconstruct the medieval appearance and atmosphere of the Confessor's shrine at Westminster.

Of the other items — over 700 of them — one of the most moving is an exquisite small figure, carved in oak, of the crucified Christ. It comes, surprisingly, from Norway, where a workshop of English woodcarvers seems to have been at work in the mid-13th century; another, even greater work of English execution but Norwegian provenance is a positively balletic St Michael spearing the dragon. (Both have kept their original polychromy like few English carvings *I know: the Norwegian climate*, perhaps?). There are also some marvellous misericords, including the famous one from Lincoln of the knight falling from his horse and an enchanting group of acrobats from New College, Oxford, to which the carver has given two heads but four bodies.

Among the illuminated manuscripts, two in particular linger in the memory: the Westminster Psalter with its wonderful kneeling Crusader, and another from Cambridge with Adam and Eve and an enchanting Tree of Knowledge, from which emerges a female serpent wearing a *hairnet*.

The soundguide is long on fanfares and viols but woefully short on facts. The catalogue, by contrast, contains everything but the set of wheels needed to push it round. But neither, fortunately, is necessary to enjoy one of the most dazzling exhibitions that even the Academy has ever mounted. Go, and be grateful.

Bard to worse

THEATRE

Hamletmachine
Almeida Theatre

In the short play that forms the basis of Robert Wilson's much-travelled production, Heiner Muller enlists the Prince of Denmark as a compromised witness of the disasters and betrayed revolutions of European history.

Hamlet dismembers his father's corpse, observes the poor making their homes in his shattered monument, and acknowledges his own role, as a reluctant servant of the regime, who has helped to enforce each renewed cycle of injustice.

"I am my own prisoner," he says. "I want to be a *machine . . . no pain, no* thought."

In Mr Wilson's New York University production, this dream has come true. In place of Muller's biliously rhapsodic hero, the character is shared out between several actors (no chance for ego trips there) and the action is totally reworked into a rigidly mechanistic routine. Roles are designated as "woman in swivel chair", "woman leaning into tree", "Man balancing on one leg", and so on; and the 15 members of the company perform *each separate little physical* task in a series of re-enactments that periodically connect with Shakespeare and Central Europe.

There is, of course, no plot: but as the ritual gets four repetitions (with a movie at half time) there is no need for narrative to drive it into your memory. It holds attention by variations in detail and spatial arrangement. The stage is flanked by three curtained screens, uncovered in turn as the company play to each wall and finally out to the house.

When Hamlet and Ophelia are finally let loose on splintered fragments of the text, their own repetitions are undercut by a trio of Delvaux-like wraiths at a centre table, who open their spectrally painted lips to mimic the principals in the voices of Southern belles and dumb blondes.



Silent scream: Ms de Salvo

The woman in the swivel chair (Allison de Salvo), first seen turning towards us in a silent scream, goes on to pierce the eardrums. And there are numerous uncoordinated details that receive aural or visual clarification with each refocused recap.

The show is an example of total directorial control, with *the actors no less programmed* than the pre-recorded bursts of machine-gun fire and one-*finger piano-playing*. You have to admire the precision. If the production has other qualities, they escape me.

Irving Wardle

Fat cats and rats

Pied Piper
Olivier

The *pièce de résistance* of Roger Glossop's set, which turns Hamelin into a giant junk shop, is a towering *municipal* rat-clock.

The smug little town by the river Weser, in Adrian Mitchell and Alan Cohen's free stage adaptation of Browning's "child's story", may not be such a pleasant spot after all.

But Hamelin's worst problem, apart from the rats, is the Saveloy family. Philip McGough plays Baron Dennis, the mayor, with fine civic humbug, but he is upstaged by his elephantine wife (a splendid Patsy Rowlands), who runs a private school of the Dotheboys type, and the positively hippopotomine only son, the Honorable Egbert (Bill Moody).

The main municipal priority is the Saveloy stomach, so when young Toffee Jenkins, a *down-to-earth girl with a limp* and a long-suffering dog, arrives mysteriously in a blue boat, *but* without a job, she immediately engaged as a cook.

That doesn't solve the rat problem, of course. That's where the Piper (Sylvester McCoy) comes in. Both the rats and the kids are played, *with tremendous professionalism* and verve, by children from 13 inner London primary schools.

In the second half, after the Piper has taken his revenge on the perfidious mayor, the magical stage effects accompany the children and their leader on their quest to the fairytale mountain.

***Dominic Muldowney's* music, shifting effortlessly from samba to electronic rock, and *Paul MacLeish's lighting* make the climatic swallowing-up a moment to send shivers down everyone's spine, whether aged six or 60.**

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Taylor made

John Taylor
Queen Elizabeth Hall

When is a jazz quartet not a jazz quartet? The answer, it seems, is when the group happens to be Foil, the creation of the pianist John Taylor, whose work with Azimuth has won international acclaim over the past decade.

Embarked on a seven-date contemporary music network tour, Foil represents an almost perverse rejection of the usual concert format. There is no bassist or horn player. Instead Taylor has brought together fellow pianist Peter Saberton, vibes player Frank Ricotti and the idiosyncratic young drummer, Steve Arguelles, who

JAZZ

constantly switches from congas and bass drum to cymbals and bells.

With such a flexible line-up, Taylor is able to move with ease between collective improvisation and the European classical tradition. The concert, concentrating on new material, unleashed a flood of interweaving ideas which were almost impossible to assimilate in one hearing.

The delicately structured pieces consciously blurred the border between improvised and composed themes. By the end, the musicians seemed visibly relieved to have negotiated some of the more complex passages without mishap.

Taylor's own playing was particularly forceful far more aggressive than in his appearances with Azimuth. Saberton, no mere supporting player, produced a series of endlessly challenging lines. The group eventually joined in an all-too-brief finale with the singers, Vocal Summit, whose acappella technique has blossomed in the past five years.

Clive Davis

New life for old

CONCERT

BBCSO/Eötvös
Festival Hall

With a coloratura soprano and a tuba as the two soloists, this *was a concert from the outer* edges: yesterday's music and today's (extremes indeed, since nothing now seems more alien than what was written 15 years ago). Italian exuberance and German weight, finesse and crudity.

The older pieces were Maderna's *Aura* and Zimmerman's *Photoptosis*, both done by this orchestra during the Boulez years, though here given gleaming and, in the case of the Zimmerman, riotous new life under Peter Eötvös.

This performance was enough to persuade one that *Photoptosis* is some kind of *masterpiece, beginning* with veils of quarter-tones mostly from between the notes of the *piano keyboard to suggest a* tenuous grasp on new territory, then falling through the *dismissive fanfare of* Beethoven's Ninth Symphony into a pool of more or less *submerged quotations from* Scriabin, plain song, Wagner, Tchaikovsky and Bach.

Also mightily impressive were the two newer pieces, Donatoni's *Arias* and Lachenmann's *Harmonica*, the former a sequence of exultant, frenzied love songs in which the skimming and scrambling vocal line is accompanied by heavy, charging orchestral gestures. Sarah Leonard voiced the excitement with a cool freshness.

Donatoni's superb tech*nique would perhaps be* scorned by Lachenmann, who comes from the punk end of *contemporary music and in Harmonica* creates a non-concerto in which both the tuba player and the orchestra use a lot of banal and improper sounds: there is, in particular, a great deal of breathing in this score, justifying Lachenmann's description of his solo instrument as a giant lung.

But there is another important facet to the tuba's personality. Because the instrument conceals much of the player, including most importantly his face, it seems almost to be playing itself, like a ventriloquist's dummy.

In *Harmonica* this produces *the extraordinary effect* of an orchestra being led by a silver monster, which shuffles and *grunts and squeaks* and belches, and finally delivers an oracular pronouncement in *words from* Ernst Toller: *"Mensch, erkenn Dich doch, das bist Du"*.

What we are, the work suggests, is a farrago of meaningless trifles; though some will have taken comfort from the stamina and virtuosity of James Gourlay behind the presumptuous piping.

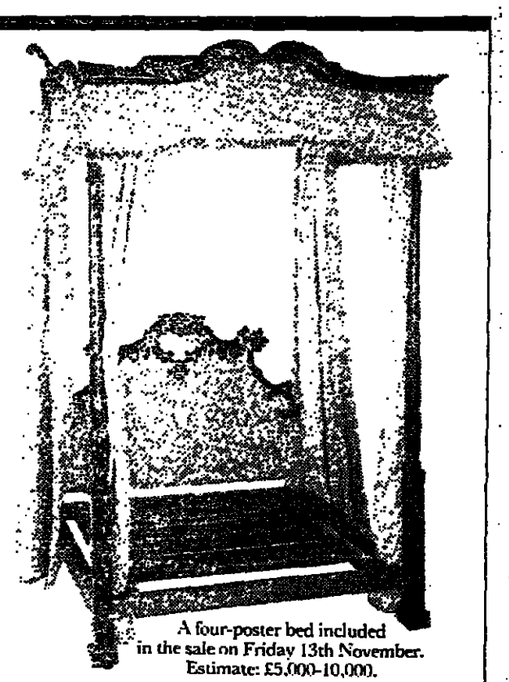
Paul Griffiths

LONDON DÉBUTS

Of the two graduates who shared the Royal College of Music prizewinners' recital, the Montreal-born **Brigitte Roland** *should soon be a* familiar name as a violinist. Her command of technique was *fully evident in ferocious* double-stopping by Ysaye and the angularities of Clermont *Pépin, a fellow Canadian, and* in association with the RCM professor John Blakely at the piano she brought to Brahms a warmth and maturity that made me eager to hear her in his concerto.

Rolf Hind, a Londoner, *cultivated a strangely hard* and plangent piano tone even in Mozart, and especially in Janáček as a way of presenting that composer's *In the Mists* as reflecting a conflict of *inward spirit rather than po*etic evocation. The keyboard style helped to bring out *clarity of texture and impulse* in the highly-wrought Sonata by Elliott Carter, but the effect was of piano-playing chiselled in marble.

Noël Goodwin



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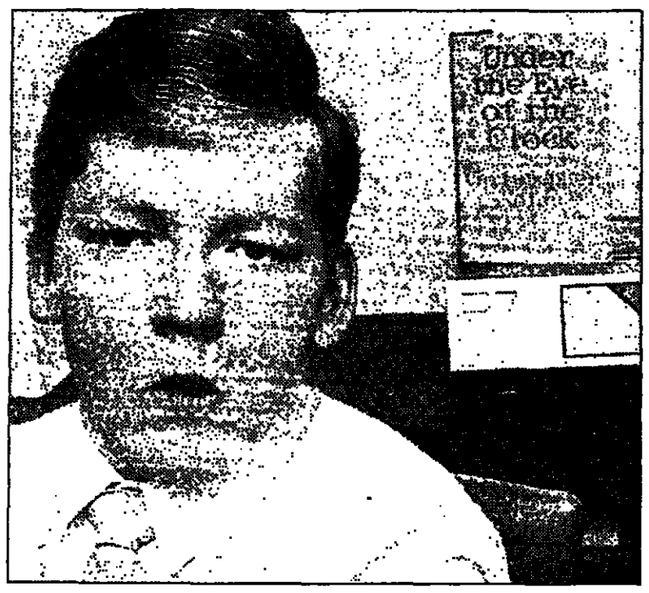
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FRIDAY PAGE

In his own write

In this extract, writing about himself as Joseph Meehan, Nolan describes how he left the disabled children at the Central Remedial Clinic School and came to be the first handicapped pupil at Mount Temple School in Dublin.

This week the disabled writer Christopher Nolan won the Biography section of the Whitbread awards for his autobiography, *Under the Eye of the Clock*, from which we publish two extracts



Fighting on: Christopher Nolan, aged 21, paralysed and mute from birth

'Here was a boy ready and willing to face school life'

Frowning with concentration, Joseph cackled with determination as he collected his brambles of boyhood's success. Disabled schemes met with beautiful basting in the Central Remedial Clinic, but now he scanned burly boys and loneliness crept nearer as he watched students spill home from the local schools and colleges. His capability to adjust to dealing with able-bodied classes outside of the shelter of the CRC School assumed a numbing importance in his youthful scheme of things. Can I do it, he wondered during long dark hours as he lay curled up in his bed. Are crepuscular dreams really the stuff of normality, worried Joseph, or cod's claims caught wanting in the cold grey light of dawn. Queer questioning answered his dark dreams. Much foolhardy frankness mesmerized his mind. Who'll have you, who'd be fool enough — maybe you're biting off more than you can chew — chew damnblast chew, if I could chew I could call myself normal, imagine, can't chew, can't swallow, so why chew? can't call — can call, a famished moan maybe yet it suffices; can't chew, can't chew, can't smell — can smell — can't chew, can't control bowels — can, can, can control, can't control bladder — can control, can control; can't chew though so what, I have a dry seat, lovely dry seat, always, always, but can't chew, can't cry — can cry, can cry, can cry wet pillows full but who cares, can cry, cry bucketfuls, can't laugh — can laugh, can, can, can, can't stop — can stop, can't see why I should, can't see why, can't see the need, can't blame me, help say something sad: Can't Chew.

Credited with an above average intelligence, he now sought a school masterful enough to accept a silent cripple on their rollcall of normal, perfect-featured boys and girls. Ranted refusals sacked Joseph's lovely glad life of messaged massiveness when he heard his parents accept that assessed, crippled boyhood could not be hors d'oeuvred on the menu of a normal, flashy school. Dear oh dear, what would parents think if they saw a cripple in the same cast as their darlings, chorused Joseph's fears as he desperately listened to Nora [his mother] speaking on the telephone to a headmaster of a local comprehensive school. "I'm prepared to have him," said the headmaster, "but someone always vetoes his application whenever his name comes up for consideration at our board meetings." Someone always vetoes his application thought Joseph, and his mind addressed the treasured sanctum of a board meeting: someone always vetoes; someone normal; someone beautiful; someone blessed by normality; someone administering the rusty mind's rules of yesteryear; someone male — cigar-smoker perhaps; someone ruddy-faced with health; someone female — a skeleton in her cupboard, never give a sucker an even break; someone Christian worst of all, boasted ascetic, one of the head-strokers — poor child, God love him, ah God is good, never shuts one door but he opens another; someone genuine not able to bend the rules to match the need; someone satanic revelling in the sufferings of others; someone versed in the art of saying no; someone who had too many nos in their childhood; someone able to say no to a dumb cripple; someone always says no.

Writhing from the sting of rejection and smelling the wax from his melted wings he erstwhile assumed a wait-and-see attitude. Advising himself not ever to look back, he joyfully mulled a new blood-red wine and a modicum of aloe.

Crestfallen but not frantic, Matthew Meehan hurt for his son's sake. Never one to keep silent whilst the sensitivity of another was being trampled upon, he described how brash man had vetoed Joseph's admission to a local school. He accounted his story to a fellow member of staff at work, psychiatrist Dr Brian McCaffrey. The doctor listened intently and he then expressed the wish to meet Joseph.

The front door opened at lunch hour that day and Matthew could be heard chatting with somebody as he showed them into the lounge. Matthew called Nora and Joseph and introduced them both to Dr McCaffrey. Joseph brashly conversed in his own language, leaving no doubt in the doctor's mind that here was a boy ready and willing to face school life bravely if only a school would have him. Dr McCaffrey got the vibes better than most newcomers and looking at Joseph, he said, "I'd like to help you and I think I can. Can I use your telephone?" he enquired of Matthew, and together they went towards the hall. Following a brief conversation, Dr McCaffrey returned to the lounge and looking Joseph straight in the eye, he voiced something Joseph longed to hear. "Listen, Joseph, you are to go for an interview to Mount Temple School. Now take it from me they'll judge you on your merits. They never had a handicapped pupil before but they would like to meet you." Schooling himself to fiercely thank this great-hearted human being Joseph asked Nora to fetch his typewriter and sincerely he typed, "You are very humble to care about me." Then catching Dr McCaffrey's eye, he drew his gaze towards the typewritten message. He watched for a response and was cheered by the tear which he saw glistening in this caring man's eye. "You're very deserving of my help," he said, "and I'm glad to have been able to introduce you. Now, Joseph, the rest is up to you." Indeed the rest *was* up to Joseph and casting his bent shoulder to the wheel of fobbed-off fortune, he fathomed deep worries as he looked towards interview day.

'We love you just as you are'

Nolan nearly died at birth of asphyxiation but survived with severe brain damage and a mute and paralysed body. In the following passage he describes the day on which he confronted his mother (Bernadette Nolan, referred to in the book as Nora) with his anguish and made his vow to break the walls of his silent world.

Nora never gobbled up her son. Sensing how very difficult life was going to be, she spoke resurrecting hope when there was no hope at all. Feeling his frustration she looked on in silence. Fashioned babyhood was bubbling his broken heart's hollowness. He was only three years old but he cried the tears of a sad man. Creeked now, his tears coursed down his face but better now, reasoned his mother, than fobbed off for future festering.

Sun shone that day long ago in Corcloon. Yvonne [Nolan's sister] was gone to school. Asleep in his blue bed Joseph looked the picture of pleasant childlike thimblework. Nora serenely simpered as she lifted him. Washed and powdered he sat on her lap. Fondly she slipped the geansai [jersey] over his blonde head. His head tilted boldly forward then suddenly it shot backwards. He faced his mother. He gazed his hurt gaze, lip protruding, eyes busy in conversation. He ordered her to look out the window at the sunshine. He looked hard at her ear ordering her to listen to the birds singing. Then jumping on her knees he again asked her to cock her ear and listen to the village children out at play in the school yard. Now he jeered himself. He showed her his arms, his legs, his useless body. Beckoning his tears he shook his head. Looking at his mother he blamed her, he damned her, he mouthed his cantankerous why, why, why me? Distracted by his youthful harshness of realization she tried to distract him. Lifting him in her arms she brought him outside into the farmyard. "Come on till I show you the calves," she coaxed. His lonely tears rushed even faster. He knew why she tried to divert his boyish questioning. He childishly determined not to look at the calves and shaking his head he gazed the other way. His mother tried again. "Look over at the lambs," she said, pointing at the sheep feeding at their trough in the field. He cried so loud he brought her to her senses. "Alright," she said, "we'll go back inside and talk." Placing him in his chair she then sat down and faced her erstwhile boy, yes, her golden-haired accuser. Meanwhile he cried continuously, conning himself that he had beaten her to silence. Looking through his tears he saw her as she bent low in order to look into his eyes. "I never prayed for you to be born crippled," she said. "I wanted you to be full of life, able to run and jump and talk just like Yvonne. But you are you, you are Joseph not Yvonne. Listen here Joseph, you can see, you can hear, you can think, you can understand everything you hear, you like your food, you like nice clothes, you are loved by me and Dad. We love you just as you are." Passing still, snivelling still, he was listening to his mother's voice. She spoke sort of matter-of-factly but he blubbered moaning sounds. His mother said her say and that was that. She got on with her work while he got on with his crying.

The decision arrived at that day was burnt forever in his mind. He was only three years in age but he was now fanning the only spark he saw, his being alive and more immediate, his being wanted just as he was.

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Under The Eye of the Clock (The Life Story of Christopher Nolan), *published by Weidenfeld and Nicolson (£8.95), is one of the five books shortlisted for the Whitbread Book of the Year whose winner will be announced in January 1988.*

Man-management and women's style



BARBARA AMIEL

Today is the last day of the Third Annual Conference of the European Women's Management Development Network, at Brighton's Metropole Hotel. The hotel is full of 300 of the nicest women from management positions all over Europe, who have difficulty getting out of the lifts because they stand back politely, just like men, waiting for the ladies to get out first. All my pockets are stuffed full of little business cards, mainly buff-cloured. Buff is a more human colour than white.

"Women managers care more about relationships and feelings," explained Italian behavioural psychologist Beatrice Bauer, who is speaking at a workshop called "Men and women as colleagues". She did not have a card, but drew a lot of wonderful flow charts for me on paper serviettes with a large eye and arrows that pointed at attitudes and cultural assumptions. "The problem, first of all, is an objective understanding of the problem," she told me, which turned out to mean that we had to understand men and women often look at things differently. This made sense once you understood what she was talking about. My own problem was quickly boning-up on the vocabulary for the conference, which was full of what women's magazines call "touchpoints" — like "career break", "good practice" and "synergy".

Most of the delegates are from the women industry. They are in personnel departments and human resource units and at colleges teaching management programmes for "women returners". I never realized how enormous the women industry has become in the UK alone, with programmes such as "Women in training", "Threshold skills". "The new assertive woman manager" courses, free six-month courses like Bath's "Woodwork for women" (childcare and travel expenses paid), and a torrent of books, pamphlets and Genderwatch kits. One can't help worrying about what will happen to all the women employed in this field, should women turn out to be less oppressed than we thought.

The theme of the conference was change and diversity in management. The first day concentrated on cross-cultural problems and we heard from a Professor of Organization Behaviour at INSEAD in Paris and a Swedish lady from Scandanavian Airlines Systems. They established firmly, with the aid of big screen charts, that cultural values and attitudes varied from nation to nation. A lady from Danish broadcasting got up and grasped the nettle. "Could this be applied to men and women?" she asked the speakers. "Do they look at things differently, too?" The answer was yes. This is an important breakthrough, of course, in the battle against dreary egalitarianism, but I couldn't help wondering if next year a conference somewhere would discover that water was wet.

National differences, actually, were quite clear in the manners and appearance of the women delegates. The exuberant Italians, who had the first of these conferences three years ago in Milan and featured an evening with designer Giorgio Armani, greeted each other's marvellous jewellery and *maquillage* with approving hugs and animation. "We are the country in the West that has the most humorous approach to relationships between men and women," said Federica Olivares, a businesswoman and conference speaker, whose paisley briefcase folded in beautifully with an unmatched, but harmonized, paisley shawl. The British delegates could be spotted as a flock of sombre, long, pleated skirts and severe jacket treatments, with thoughtful frowns over the problem of "balance" in their lives as women and managers.

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"The problem," explained a Dutch delegate to me, "is that the women I train lack self-confidence and skills. They have spent 20 years at home and are not sure if they can become managers." That seemed a reasonable worry on their part to me. Why, I wondered, would they think of themselves entering the job market as managers? "It pays better and they like power," she explained.

"We Scandanavians have got high enough in our jobs to be right next to the positions of power," said the Danish broadcaster. "We don't want these powerful jobs because they are boring and routine. We have to change the powerful jobs to make them creative enough for women," she said. This was greeted with nods and became issue number one: the dilemma of success versus the quality of life in a job.

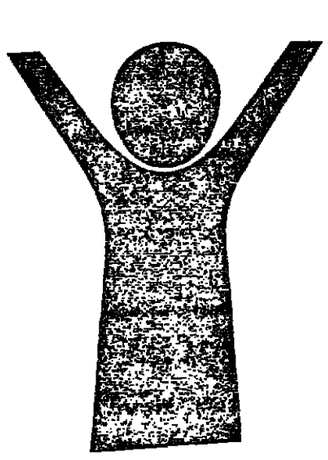
Most workshops and speeches were given by the practitioners of the soft sciences, who tended to talk about the obvious in the most complicated language. Insofar as *their ideas are valid — like* the differences between the management styles of men and women, or the conflicts between family and work that careers do bring — they were *generally known. Sometimes I* wonder if the frightening problem with these sorts of conferences is that they are actually trying to teach unintelligent people how to be *intelligent.*

"American women have 32 per cent of the management jobs," explained Joanna Foster, the conference director. "But now, with their concerns about home life and what they have missed in community life, they are asking themselves was it worth it?"

I suppose women were bound to make the great discovery that everything has a price-tag, and a great many women are prepared to pay the price of succeeding in business or forgo the success. *The only small problem any* of us have is with the sort of woman who regards it as unjust that they can't be president of the United States or British Petroleum without having the odd heart attack.

"Top management jobs have to change to suit the more intuitive and spontaneous style of women," said one of the conference speakers. Well, maybe they should and perhaps they will, but I suspect that the sort of woman cut out for top management jobs is too busy running a factory to come to Brighton and explain that this concern rates very low when you are actually up there. Maybe next year's conference — in Stockholm, I think.

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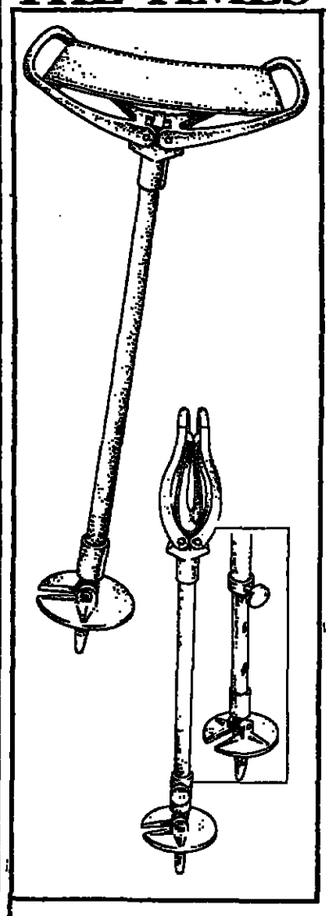
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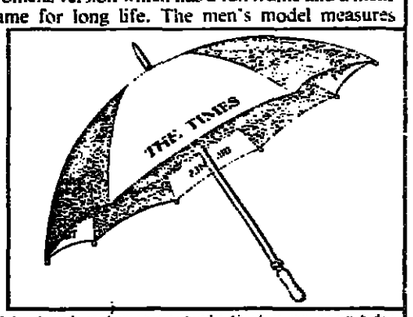
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LONDON

☆ **APART FROM GEORGE:** Nick Ward's *Fenland tragedy, acclaimed at Edinburgh.*
Theatre Upstairs, Royal Court Theatre, Sloane Square, London SW1 (01-730 2554). Tube: Sloane Square. Mon-Sat 8-9.30pm, mats Sat 4-5.30pm. Mon £4, Tues-Thur £5, Fri, Sat £6, Sat Mat £4.

☆ **THE ART OF SUCCESS:** *Michael* Kitchen as Hogarth in Nick Dear's excellent play about art, ambition and conscience.
Pit Theatre, Barbican Centre, London E1 (01-628 8795). Tube: Barbican/Moorgate. 7.30-10pm, £7.50. **(D)**

☆ **DANGEROUS OBSESSION:** Dinsdale Landen and Jeremy Bulloch in N J Crisp's psychological thriller.
Apollo Theatre, Shaftesbury *Avenue, London W1 (01-437 2663).* Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Previews until Nov 8, 8-10pm. First night Nov 9, 7-9pm. Then Mon-Fri 8-10pm, Sat 8.30-10.30pm. mats Thur 3-5pm and Sat 5.30-7.30pm. £5-£11.50.

☆ **HAMLETMACHINE:** Heiner Müller's meditation on *Hamlet*, much praised in New York in this production by Robert Wilson.
Almeida Theatre, Almeida Street, London N1 (01-359 4404). Tube: *Highbury & Islington. Tues-Sat 8-10.30pm, £8.*

★ **LETTICE AND LOVAGE:** Maggie Smith and Margaret Tyzack in Peter Shaffer's new comedy.
Globe Theatre, *Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 3667).* Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat, 7.45-10.15pm, mat Sat 3-5.30pm, *£7.50-£14.50.*

☆ ***THE LIFE OF NAPOLEON:*** John Sessions's dazzling one-man show, with the voices of Olivier, Orson Welles, Frank Bruno amongst others.
Albery Theatre, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (01-836 3878). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Fri 8-10.30pm, *Sat 8.30-11pm, mats Sat* 5-7.30pm, £5-£12.50.

☆ ***PUSHKIN:*** *Fringe First winner at* Edinburgh Festival, Richard Crane's play weaves an impressive pattern from the writer's life.
Bloomsbury Theatre, Gordon Street, London WC1 (01-387 9629). Tube: Warren Street/Euston Square/Euston. Until Sat, 7.30pm, £4.

☆ **THE SISTERHOOD:** Janet *Henfrey and Clive Swift lead a* strong cast in Molière's satire on frightful intellectual women, *Les Femmes Savantes.*
New End Theatre, 27 New End, NW3 (01-794 0022). Tube: Hampstead. Tues-Sun 8pm, Sat 10pm, £5.50-£6.

☆ **THE SMALL POPPIES:** New children's play by David Holman, *author of the marvellous No Worries* last year.
Young Vic Theatre, 66 The Cut, *SE1. (01-928 6363) Tube: Waterloo.* Tues-Sat, 10.30am, and Mon, Tue and Sat, 2pm, adults £2.50, children £1.50.

☆ **THE THOUSAND CHERRIES OF YOSHITSUNE:** *The Kabuki* Theatre Company in the classic *Kabuki* play.
Sadlers Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8916). Tube: Angel. Thurs-Sat 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm, £3.50-£20.

☆ ***A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE:*** Michael Gambon magnificent in transfer of Alan Ayckbourn's NT production.
Aldwych Theatre, Aldwych, WC2 (01-836 6404) Tubes: Charing Cross/Covent Garden. Mon-Fri 7.30-9.40pm, Sat 8.30-10.40pm, *mats Sat 5-7.10pm,* £5-14.50.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **The Business Of Murder:** Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3036). . . ★ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079). . . ☆ **Chess:** Prince Edward Theatre (01-734 8951). . . ☆ **42nd Street:** *Drury Lane* Theatre Royal (01-836 8108/9/0). . . ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassadors Theatre (01-836 6111, cc 01-836 1171). . . ☆ **Me And My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913/4). . . ★ **Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909). . . ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443) . . ★ **Phantom Of The Opera:** Her Majesty's *Theatre (01-839 2244).* . . ☆ **Run For Your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216). . . ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria Theatre (01-828 8665).

OUT OF TOWN

COVENTRY: ☆ **Guardian Angels:** Commissioned play by Julian Garner, *set in Ireland and England* between 1914 and 1966.
Belgrade Theatre, Belgrade Square (0203 553055), Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, Fri and Sat 8pm, £3.50-£6.20.

DERBY: ☆ **Gaslight:** Patrick Hamilton's classic thriller; watch out for the telltale gas flame.
Playhouse Theatre, Eagle Centre (0332 363275), *Mon-Thurs 7.30pm,* Fri and Sat 8pm, £3-£5.50.

POOLE: ☆ **A Month in the Country:** Cambridge Theatre Company's tour of Turgenev's *eternal triangle: mother and* daughter the rivals in love for the handsome young tutor.
Towngate Theatre, Kingsland Road (0202 685222). Mon-Sat 7.45pm, £5.10-£5.80.

FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
☎ **Advance booking possible**

■ **ANGEL HEART (18):** Mickey Rourke's down-at-heel detective pursues a missing person to the voodoo underworld of New Orleans. Pulp stuff, directed by Alan Parker in slam-bang style (113 min).
Cannon Chelsea *(01-352 5096).* Progs 2.25, 5.50, 8.40.

■ **ARIA (18):** A mixed bag of directors put visuals to 10 operatic bon-bons from RCA's record catalogue. Directors include Jean-Luc Godard, Robert Altman, Nicolas Roeg, Ken Russell and Derek Jarman.
☎ **Lumière** (01-836 0691). Progs 1.10, 3.05, 5.05, 7.05, 9.10, 11.15.

■ **BEVERLY HILLS COP II (15):** *Eddie Murphy* repeats his performance as the brazen Detroit cop on a job in Los Angeles. Tony Scott directs. (103 min).
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 1.45, 4.00, 6.15, 8.30, 11.00.
Cannon Bayswater (01-352 5096). Progs 1.05, 3.20, 5.40, 8.15, 11.15.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 1.55, 4.10, 6.20, 8.35, 11.20.
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 4.30, 7.00, 9.30.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.30, 3.50, 6.10, 8.30, 11.15.
☎ **Plaza** (01-437 1234). Progs 1.15, 2.30, 3.30, 4.45, 5.45, 7.00, 8.00, 9.15, 10.15, 11.30, 12.30.

■ **FULL METAL JACKET (18):** Stanley Kubrick's meticulously filmed *Vietnam* drama, following Matthew Modine and other recruits from basic training to combat. *Platoon* may have taken the edge off some of the material, but Kubrick's clinical eye for human behaviour is still unbeatable (115 min).
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.10, 6.10, 9.20.
☎ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). *Progs 1.05, 3.35, 6.05, 8.35, 11.10.*

■ **THE LIVING DAYLIGHTS (PG):** *Timothy Dalton follows in* distinguished footsteps when he assumes the mantle of James Bond. *A globe-trotting plot of East-*West intrigue, embracing Gibraltar, Vienna, Tangier and Afghanistan. John Glen directs his fourth Bond film (130 min).
Odeon High Street Kensington (01-602 6644). *Progs 1.15, 4.15, 8.00.*

MASCARA *(18): Michael Sarrazin* as a police commissioner involved with opera-loving homosexuals. *Charlotte Rampling* plays his devoted sister; Belgian-born Patrick Conrad directs (96 min).
Cannon Premiere (01-439 4470). Progs 2.00, 4.05, 6.10, 8.15, 10.20.

A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET III: DREAM WARRIORS (18): The latest edition to the gory adventures of demonic Freddy Krueger. With Heather Langenkamp, Patricia Arquette, Robert Englund; director, Chuck *Russell. (96 min).*
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 1.50, 4.10, 6.20, 8.35, *11.20.*
Leicester Square Theatre (01-930 5252). Progs 1.30, 3.50, 6.20, 8.50, 11.45.

ROXANNE (PG): Cyrano de Bergerac reworked by and for Steve Martin, as a fire chief whose nose seems to prevent true love. With Daryl Hannah. Australian Fred Schepisi directs (107 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.00, 5.25, 8.05.
Cannon Haymarket *(01-839 1527).* Progs 1.30, 3.50, 6.15, 8.40, 11.15.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.30, 3.35, 6.00, 8.20, 11.15.

■ **SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS (U):** Walt Disney's first *animated feature, 1937, looking* better than ever (83 min).
☎ **Odeon Leicester Square** (01-930 6111). Progs 1.45, 4.30, 7.15.

■ **THE UNTOUCHABLES (15):** Eliot Ness's gangbusters go after Al Capone in Brian De Palma's *entertaining drama, filled with* bullets, blood, and thoughtful dialogue by playwright David Mamet. With Kevin Costner, Sean Connery, Robert De Niro (120 min).
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.30, 5.15, 8.00, 11.15.
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☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 9.10.
☎ **Empire Leicester Square** (01-437 1234), Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30, 11.30.

■ **THE WITCHES OF EASTWICK (18):** Jack Nicholson's satanic stranger dominates this bumpy *adaptation of John Updike's clever* novel about the battle of the sexes. With Susan Sarandon, Cher, *Michelle Pfeiffer.* George Miller directs (118 min).
Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 6279) Progs 2.20, 5.20, 8.15.
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636) Progs 2.15, 6.10, 9.15.
☎ **Screen on the Green** (01-226 3520) Progs 3.55, 6.10, 8.45.



The pantomime season gets off to an early start this Sunday with *The Earth Awakes*, a star-studded show for grown-ups which is based, more or less, on the story of *The Sleeping Beauty*. It was devised by Graeme Garden and written by Janey Preger, with music by Ilona Sekacz, as a fund raising venture for The Friends of the Earth. In this version the Prince refuses to marry the Sleeping Beauty because he has no intention of inheriting a kingdom that is clearly an ecological disaster. The Friends are particularly well supported by the theatrical profession with patrons like Dame Peggy Ashcroft, Richard Briers, Judi Dench, Sir John Gielgud, Prunella Scales, Paul Scofield and Dorothy Tutin. *The Earth Awakes* is being given at the Palace Theatre in Shaftesbury Avenue (01-434 0909) at 7.30pm, with tickets from £6 to £30. Subject to engagements elsewhere it is hoped that the cast will include Susannah York (above), Hayley Mills, Sir John Mills, Diana Quick, Jeremy Irons and Alan Bates. There will be a second performance on November 15 at the Swan Theatre in Stratford-upon-Avon (0789 295623), also at 7.30pm, with tickets from £6 to £20, the top price including a reception.
Peter Waymark

DANCE

☆ **STRAVINSKY:** *Bernard Haitink* conducts *The Firebird, Scènes de Ballet* and *Right of Spring* for Royal Ballet.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066). 7.30-10.15pm. £1-£30.

☆ **LA BAYADERE:** Petipa's famous dances newly mounted for the Scottish Ballet with Peter Darrell's *La Peri* and Jack Carter's *Three Dances to Japanese Music.*
Studio Theatre, 261 West Prince's *Street, Glasgow* (041 331 2931), 7.30-9.30pm, £7.50.

☆ **SWAN LAKE:** André Prokovsky's dramatic production for Northern Ballet Theatre. The company also appears tonight in the new ballet *A Simple Man,* about L S Lowry, on BBC2.
Empire Theatre, Liverpool (051 709 1555), 7.30-9.30pm, £2.50-£10.

ROCK

☆ **WILKO JOHNSON:** Jagged *R'n'B riffing from the ex-Dr* Feelgood guitarist.
Sir George Robey, 240 Seven Sisters Road. London N4 (01-263 4581) 7.30pm, £4.

☆ **CARMEL:** She sallies forth with a few dates to mark the arrival of a new album, *Everybody's Got A Little...Soul.*
Free Trade Hall, Peter Street, Manchester (061 834 0943) 7pm, *£4.50-£5.50 and 9pm, £5-£6.*

☆ **JIL JILALA:** First British tour by *the celebrated Moroccan group,* who sing to an accompaniment of percussion, the Turkish lute and the "hajhouj" guitar.
Fareham & Gosport Studio, Osborne Road, Fareham, Hampshire (0329 235161) 7pm, £3.

☆ **10,000 MANIACS:** Folk-rock cult heroes from the USA. Roughly where Suzanne Vega meets *Fleetwood Mac, but younger and* infinitely hipper.
Birmingham Polytechnic SU, *Westbourne Road (021 356 6164)* 7.30pm, £2 (NUS members & guests only).

★ **SUZANNE VEGA:** Isn't it strange the way she never looks alike in any two photographs or videos?
Manchester Apollo, Ardwick Green (061 273 3775) *7pm,* £8.50.

OPERA

☆ **THE PEARL FISHERS:** Anthony Michaels-Moore now takes over the role of Zurga, and Noel Davies conducts Philip Prowse's elegant production.
English National Opera, Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-10pm, £2-£21.50. **(D)**

☆ **COSI FAN TUTTE:** Glyndebourne Touring Opera offer the last chances to see Peter Hall's perceptive original production, now staged by Stephen Lawless.
Mayflower Theatre, Southampton (0703 229771). 7-10pm, £6-£18.

☆ **BAROQUE DOUBLE-BILL:** Kent Opera present Rameau's *Pygmalion* and Purcell's *Dido and Aeneas,* conducted by Andrew Parrott.
Demgate, Northampton (0604 24811), 7-10pm, £3.50-£13. **(D)**

☆ **MACBETH:** Ian Judge's stark, expressionistic production for *Opera North, with Josephine* Barstow as Lady Macbeth.
Palace Theatre, Manchester (061 *236 9922),* 7.15-*10.15pm,* £4-£17.50.

☆ **DIE FLEDERMAUS:** Welsh National Opera's entertaining 1920s style production with Susanne Murphy as Rosalinde.
Theatr Clwyd, Mold (0352 55114). 7.15-10.15pm, £3-£20.

JAZZ

☆ **THE YOUNG LIONS:** Ten piece band representing the cream of Irish jazz.
Battersea Arts Centre, Lavender Hill, London SW11 (01-237 9181). 8.30pm, £5.

☆ **JOHN TAYLOR:** Leads a collaboration between his quartet Foil (two pianos, vibraphone and percussion) and the female "madrigalists" Vocal Summit.
Turner Sims Hall, *Southampton* University (0703 32601), 8pm, £5.

☆ **WESTBROOK-ROSSINI:** Mike Westbrook's idiosyncratic fusion of opera, jazz and rock.
The Stables, *Wavendon, Milton* Keynes, Buckinghamshire (0908 583928), 8pm, £4.

☆ **THE GUEST STARS:** High energy crossover rhythms, graced *by the wonderfully named pianist,* Laka Daisical.
Plough Theatre, Fore Street, Torrington, Devon (0805 22552), 8pm, £4.

☆ **ARNIE LAWRENCE:** American alto player, former Chico Hamilton associate.
The Concorde, Madeira Drive, Brighton, East Sussex (0273 *60640), 9.15pm,* £3.50.

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ **ROGER FISHER:** Organ recital includes Dupré's Cortège and Litany, Steele's Machaut Variations and Viere's *Naiades.*
St Stephen Walbrook, off Cannon Street, London EC4 (01-283 4444), 12.30-1.30pm, free.

EVENING

☆ ***UCHIDA/ECO:*** *Mitsuko Uchida* conducts the ECO in Mozart's *Contredances K 267 and Serenata Notturna,* solos in the Piano Concertos K 415 and 491.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 928 8800), 7.30pm, £3-£12.

☆ **PURCELL SERIES:** The Purcell Quartet performs a variety of his *sonatas and suites in the opening* concert of an all-Purcell series.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £5.

☆ ***MORE PURCELL:*** Songs by Purcell, Schumann, Saint-Saëns and Erik Bergman are heard from Sällskapet Male Voice Choir, Finland's finest.
St John's, *Smith Square, London* SW1 (01-222 1061), 7.30pm, £3.50-£7.50

☆ **EOTVOS/BBC SO:** Bartók's Orchestral Pieces Op 12, Music for *Strings, Percussion and Celeste,* Liszt's Piano Concerto No 1 (John Lill, soloist) and the seldom-heard orchestral version of his *Daux Légendes* are played by the BBC SO under Peter Eötvös.
Arts Centre, University of Warwick, Gibbet Hill Road, Coventry (0203 *417417), 7.30pm,* £7.75-£11.

☆ **FOR THE BIRDS:** In aid of the *Royal Society for the Protection of* Birds the RPO plays Grieg's *Peer Gynt* Suite No 1, Tchaikovsky's Symphony No 5 "Pathétique". Sir Charles Groves conducts, Lydia Mordkovich solos in Bruch's Violin Concerto No 1.
Barbican Centre, Silk Street, *London EC2 (01-628 8795, cc 638* 8891), 7.45pm, £6-£12.

☆ ***A CENTURY:*** *In their "100 Years* of Music 1707-1807" series the London Bach Orchestra presents Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No 2, Weber's Symphony No 1, Beethoven's Symphony No 4, all conducted by Nicholas Kraemer.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 928 *8800), 7.45pm, £4-£8.80.*

WALKS

JEWISH GHETTO AND COCKNEY QUARTER: meet Whitechapel tube, 11am, £3.

HISTORIC PUBS: meet St Paul's tube, 7.30pm, £2.25.

ROMAN LONDON: meet *Museum* of London, 2.30pm, £2.75.

GALLERIES

WHITWORTH YOUNG CONTEMPORARIES: Works by 90 young artists competing for three biennial awards.
***Whitworth* Art Gallery,** Whitworth Park, Manchester (061 273 4865). Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, free, until Dec 19.

THE AGE OF CHIVALRY: See *caption.*
Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, London W1 (01-734 9052), Daily 10am-6pm, £4, *until March 6.*

STEPHEN BARCLAY, RUTH *CALLAND AND PAUL STOREY:* Three top young figure painters.
Paton Gallery, 2 Langley Court, London *WC2 (01-379 7854), Tues-*Sat 11am-6pm, free, until Nov 28.

FRIDAY OPENING: *From today the* V&A will be opening on Fridays for the first time in over ten years.
Victoria and Albert Museum, Exhibition Road, London SW7 (01-589 6371). Mon-Sat 10am-5.30pm, Sun 2.30-5.50pm, "free".

DEPICTING HISTORY: Keith Piper and Terry Atkinson feature in this survey of modern history painting: subjects include Beirut and the Falklands.
Mappin Art Gallery, Weston Park, *Sheffield, Yorkshire (0742 726281),* Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, free, until Dec 12.

RUDYARD KIPLING: Manuscripts, first editions and memorabilia.
British Library, Great Russell Street, London WC2 (01-636 1544). Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2.30-6pm, free, until Feb 14.

FINE ENGLISH WATERCOLOURS: Among many distinguished contributors are David Cox and Samuel Prout.
Church Street Gallery, 17 Church Street, Saffron Walden, Essex *(0799 24422), Mon-Fri 10am-1pm* and 2.15-5pm (closed Thurs), Sat 10am-1pm, free, until Nov 28.

THE QUEEN'S IMAGE: Mary Queen of Scots as seen by 18th and 19th Century artists.
Mappin Art Gallery, Weston Park, Sheffield, Yorkshire (0742 726281). Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, free, until Nov 29.



The life-size portrait of Richard II (above), normally to be found in Westminster Abbey, is one of 600 items in *The Age of Chivalry* exhibition which opens at the Royal Academy today (see listing and the article on page 20). The show, six years in preparation, gives an account of the arts and crafts in Plantagenet England, between 1200 and 1400.

TALKS

VICTORIAN VALUES – TRUTH: Lecture by Dr Gertrude Huehns of the Extra-Mural History of Art Society.
University of London, Gustave Tuck Lecture Theatre, University College, London WC1, 6.30pm, £1.50, members free.

PLANT FOR THE FUTURE: Lecture by James Compton, Head *Gardener of The Chelsea Physic* Garden, about the history of the Garden, and its future after the recent storm damage.
Pallant House, 9 North Pallant, Chichester, West Sussex (0243 774557), 7.30pm, £3.50 inc. wine.

OTHER EVENTS

SILVER JUBILEE PARTY: Following the Queen's visit this morning, *music and* song from Britain, Africa and Asia, competitions, exhibitions, laser displays, craft fair and food.
Commonwealth Institute, Kensington High Street, London W8 (01-603 4535) 6-11pm, free.

THE KNITTING AND STITCHING SHOW: All aspects of knitting and needle craft are covered. Today, sessions with members of the Royal School of Needlework. Tomorrow, workshops and talks on knitting and crochet. Sun, talks and teach-ins on canvaswork.
Kensington Exhibition Centre, The Rainbow Suite, Derry Street, London W8. (01-937 9898). Today *10am-8pm, tomorrow 10am-7pm,* Sun 10am-4pm. £3.75.

NATIONAL CHRYSANTHEMUM SOCIETY'S SHOW: Experts, specialists and R H S information stand.
R H S Halls, Vincent Square and Greycoat Street, *London SW1. (01-*834 4333). Today 1pm-6.30pm, £2, tomorrow 10am-5pm, £1.

AUTUMN ARCADE: Craft fair with demonstrations.
The Arts Centre, Town Hall, Bampton, Oxfordshire (0993 850136). Today 10.30am-1pm, 2.30-8pm; tomorrow 10.30am-1pm, 2.30-6pm, free.

THE FRAMPTON FLORA: Collection of amateur watercolours *by the ladies of the Clifford family* in the 19th century.
Art Gallery and Museum, *Cheltenham, Gloucestershire* (0242 237431). Today, tomorrow 10am-5.15pm, free.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

CINDERELLA: *New production by* Royal Ballet with Maria Almeida, Jonathan Cope, Derek Rencher. Choreography by Ashton. From Dec 16.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066/1911). Personal and phone booking from today.

'NOCTURNE: Poetry and music of *the night presented by the English* Poetry and Song Society, with works by Edward Thomas, De La Mare, and music by John Field and Ivor Gurney. Nov 11. Part of Avon Poetry Festival.
The Pump Room, Bath. Details: APF, Clifton Library, Princess *Victoria Street, Clifton, Bristol* (0272 738572).

LAST CHANCE

ANNUAL MARINE EXHIBITION: Including work by Edward Seago and Charles Powell.
Royal Exchange, London EC3 (01-283 4400) Ends today.

BOND WINNER

The winner of the £250,000 prize in *the November National Savings* Premium Bond draw is the holder of bond number 25CT 469547. The winner lives in Gwent.

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** Hilary Finch; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Clive Davis; **Dance:** John Percival: **Galleries:** David Lee; **Walks and Talks:** Greta Carslaw; **Other Events:** Judy Froshaug; **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse.

TOP FILMS AND VIDEOS

LONDON:
1 (1) The Witches of Eastwick
2 (–) Nightmare on Elm Street III
3 (2) Beverly Hills Cop II
4 (3) The Untouchables
5 (4) Angel Heart
6 (5) Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs
7 (10) *Full Metal Jacket*
8 (9) The Living Daylights
9 (7) The Rescuers
10 (–) Aria

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OUTSIDE LONDON:
1 Beverly Hills Cop II
2 The Rescuers
3 Dirty Dancing
4 Angel Heart
5 The Untouchables

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UNITED STATES:
1 (1) Fatal Attraction
2 (8) Baby Boom
3 (3) Suspect
4 (–) Fatal Beauty
5 (2) Prince of Darkness
6 (–) The Hidden
7 (4) Princess Bride
8 (5) Like Father Like Son
9 (6) Dirty Dancing
10 (9) Someone to Watch Over Me

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VIDEO RENTALS:
1 Crocodile Dundee
2 Top Gun
3 Over The Top
4 Evil Dead II
5 Ferris Bueller's Day Off

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ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL 638 8891/628 8795 Tom 7.45 **ROYAL PHIL HARMONIC ORCHESTRA** Sir Charles Groves (cond), Lydia Mordkovitch (violin).

ST. JOHN'S Smith Sq., SW1 (01-222 1061) Tonight 7.30 **SALLSKARET MJR. Rolf W. Ahlberg.** 45 - strong male choir performing Nordic & European works incl. songs by Sibelius, Erik Bergman, Saint-Saens, Schumann & Parcell.

EXHIBITIONS

36TH KENSINGTON ANTIQUES FAIR New Town Hall, Horton Street, London. W8. Today and until Sunday 8th November, 11-8 daily. Final Day 12-6. Tel: 01 937 0063.

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 CC 240 5258. **ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA** Tom't 7.30 The Pearl Fishers. Tomor 7.30 Weather.

LONDON PALLADIUM 437 7373 CC First Call 240 7200 (bkg fee Last Perf Today 7.30 **SHANGHAI KUNJU THEATRE** *The Woman Warrior*

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 240 1066/1911. Sitdy info 836 6903 S CC 66 unsold seats avail on the day.
Tom't 7.30 **THE ROYAL BALLET** The Firebird/Scenes de ballet/The Rite of Spring. Tomor 7.30 Swan Lake. Ballet Galas info 01 240 9815.

SADLER'S WELLS 278 8916 First Call CC 24 hr 7 day 240 7200. Komaiko's **KABUKI** The Thousand Cherries of Yoshitsune. Last 5 Perfs. Tom't 7.30. Tomor 2.30 & 7.30. From 11 - 14 Nov Triska Brown Dance Company from New York.

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BBC1

6.00 Ceefax.
6.35 Leon Errol in Stage Fright (b/w). **6.55** Weather.
7.00 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough, Sally Magnusson and Jeremy Paxman. Includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; *regional news* and travel reports at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15**; and weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**.
8.40 Open Air. Eamonn Holmes receives viewers' comments on yesterday's television output. To participate ring 061 814 0424. **8.55** Regional news and weather.
9.00 News, weather, followed by Neighbours (r).
9.20 Kilroy with Robert Kilroy-Silk.
10.00 News, weather, followed by Going for Gold presented by *Henry Kelly (r)*.
10.25 Children's BBC. Andy Crane with programme news and birthday greetings followed by Play School and King Rollo (r).
10.55 Five to Eleven with Peter Barkworth.
11.00 News, weather, followed by Open Air. Bob Wellings and Janet Graves answer *your queries*.
12.00 News, weather, followed by Daytime Live. Comedian Tom O'Connor talks about Liverpudlian humour; and Cathy McGowan advises a viewer how to look good on a budget. Music is from Rent Party. **12.55** Regional news and weather.
1.00 One O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Weather.
1.30 Neighbours. Charlene and Scott are caught in a *compromising* position.
1.50 Film: Nora Prentiss (1947, b/w). Melodrama about a doctor whose predictable and dull life is turned upsidedown when he falls in love with a nightclub singer. His obsession with her soon leads to murder and intrigue. Starring Ann Sheridan and Kent Smith. Directed by Vincent Sherman.
3.35 Ask Mango. Margo MacDonald with advice on welfare rights, employment, housing and legal issues.
3.50 Comers. Young people's questions answered. **4.10** SuperTed (r). **4.15** What's All This Then? With guests Rick Astley and Lenny Henry. **4.55** Newsround **5.05** Grange Hill (Ceefax). **5.35** Masterteam 87.
6.00 Six O'Clock News presented by Sue Lawley. Weather.
6.35 London Plus.
7.00 Wogan. Joining Terry are actress Hayley Mills, film-maker *James Ivory*, choreographer Gillian Lynne and dancer Moira Shearer.
7.40 Blankety Blank. Les Dawson's guests are Cherry Gillespie, *Debbie McGee*, Duncan Norvelle, Wendy Richard, David Wilkie and Charlie Williams (Ceefax).
8.15 Twenty-One Years of the Two Ronnies. Comedy sketches chosen by Barker and Corbett from their long comic association (Ceefax).
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Debbie Thrower and Martyn Lewis. Regional news and weather.
9.30 Pulaski. Episode six of the drama series about a television detective whose screen role encroaches on his private life. (Ceefax).
10.20 Yesterday. *Danish award-winning* documentary about the effects 29-year old Leif Hansen's sudden stroke had on his family and life.
11.10 Film: Airport 77 (1977). Disaster movie about the hijacking of a jumbo jet which is transporting a millionaire, his friends and his art treasures to Palm Beach. Starring Jack Lemmon, George Kennedy, James Stewart, Olivia de Havilland and Christopher Lee. Directed by Jerry Jameson (Ceefax).
1.00 Weather.

BBC2

9.05 Sign Extra (r).
9.30 Daytime on Two: Casebook Scotland **9.52** Look and Read **10.15** Around Scotland **10.38** Geography Casebook — Britain **11.00** Storytime **11.18** Wondermaths **11.35** Let's See **12.00** English File **12.35** Scene **1.05** Treffpunkt — Osterreich.
1.20 The Adventures of Spot (r), followed by Bric-a-Brac (r). **1.38** Choices in the Third Year.
2.00 News, weather, followed by You and Me (r).
2.15 Sport on Friday: David Icke introduces coverage of this afternoon's two quarterfinal matches in the CIS Insurance UK Indoor Singles Bowls Championship. *Includes news and* weather at **3.00** and **3.50.**
5.30 Food and Drink (r).
6.00 Film: Tarzan and the Huntress (1947, b/w). Starring Johnny Weissmuller as Edgar Rice Burroughs's jungle hero. When the peace of the forest and its animal inhabitants is threatened by some professional hunters, Tarzan comes to the rescue. Directed by Kurt Neuman.
7.10 Cooperage. Documentary about the dying art of cooping — the *manufacture* of wooden barrels (r).
7.30 The Education Programme. Many teachers want to instruct their pupils in all aspects of the AIDS virus. To do this they too need to be aware of its implications. So who will teach the teachers?
8.00 The Friday Report. Guy Mitchelmore reflects on the aftermath of last month's storms and reports on the work being done by the staff at Kew Gardens and farmers in the south east of the country to repair the damage.
8.30 Out of Court includes a report on the *illegal employment* of children. To many employers child labour means cheap labour.
9.00 The Duty Men. Behind the scenes of HM Customs and Excise. An undercover team investigate a VAT fraud. (Ceefax).
9.50 A Simple Man. (see Choice).
10.50 Newsnight.
11.35 Weatherview.
11.40 Championship Bowls. Ends **1.00.**

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am introduced by Kay Burley and Mike Morris. News at **6.00** and **6.30.**
7.00 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Mike Morris. Includes news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** and **9.00**; cartoon at **7.25**; Plus Jimmy Greaves's weekend television highlights. After Nine includes Russell Grant's horoscopes and Lizzie Webb's workout.
9.25 Thames News. **9.30** Runway Travel quiz with Chris Serle.
10.00 Santa Barbara. American soap about an affluent Californian community. **10.25** News Headlines.
10.30 The Time . . . The Place. Mike Scott chairs a topical discussion.
11.10 Rainbow (r). **11.25** Thames News.
11.30 At The Works. Local history series examines the life of the Middlesbrough ironworker as *seen by Lady Bell at the turn of the* century.
12.00 Jimmy's. Another visit to St James's Hospital, Leeds.
12.30 News. **12.50** Thames News.
1.00 Film: The League of Gentlemen (1960, b/w). Comedy and suspense when a retired army officer recruits some of his former men to pull off a million pound robbery. Starring Jack Hawkins and Richard Attenborough. Directed by Basil Dearden.
3.00 *Take The High Road. Bob* meets Sneddon at the fête. **3.25** Thames News.
3.30 Sons and Daughters. Leigh's vow makes David angry.
4.00 Children's ITV presented by Gary Terzza and Debbie Shore. Cockleshell Bay. Animated seaside adventures (r). **4.10** The *Adventures of Tintin.* **4.20** Scooby Doo. Canine cartoon. **4.45** Splash Nino Firetto and Lisa Maxwell celebrate bonfire night at Lewes, Sussex.
5.15 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz game.
5.45 News with Fiona Armstrong (Oracle).
6.00 The 6 O'Clock Show. A look at the lighter side of London life with Michael Aspel and team.
7.00 New Faces of '87. Talent show presented by former *New Faces* winner, Marti Caine. Judges are Nina Myskow, Chris Tarrant and Barbara Windsor.
8.00 The Bretts. Serial about the fortunes of a theatrical family in London *during the Twenties.* Edwin's success in silent films creates some interesting opportunities for the Brett household (Oracle).
9.00 Dempsey and Makepeace. The New York policeman and his English policewoman partner get involved with bare-knuckle fighters when they infiltrate a ring of counterfeiters (Oracle) (r).
10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Carol Barnes.
10.30 The London Programme investigates the Government's proposal to remove management of housing estates from local authorities.
11.00 The Good Life Guide. What does your choice of car say about you? Presented by Jeni Barnett.
11.30 Go for Goal. Multi-sports knock-out tournament introduced by Danny Baker features Berks v Essex. Celebrity players are cricketers Graham Roope and Keith Fletcher.
12.30 *Off the Rack. Ed Asner stars in* this pilot of an American comedy series about the rag trade. When his partner dies Daniel O'Halloran discovers he has inherited a business associate who is smarter than she first appears.
1.00 Night Network. Gary Glitter *chats to Adam Ant; and a look at* the American charts.
4.00 Route 66 (b/w). Ted and Buz meet the Sicilian owner of the State of Oregan (r).
4.55 Baseball 87. St Louis Cardinals v San Francisco Giants.

CHANNEL 4

9.30 Schools.
12.00 Business Daily. **12.30** Start *Here (r). 1.00 On Course.*
2.00 Their Lordships' House (r).
2.15 Heritage: Civilisation and the Jews. (r).
3.15 Second Glance. Film about thistle seeds (r).
3.30 Time to Remember (b/w). Britain in the early 1930s — a period of optimism.
4.00 *Mavis on 4. With Hanif* Kureishi, film writer (*My Beautiful Laundrette* and *Sammy and Rosie get Laid*), and Victoria Glendinning, critic and biographer.
4.30 Countdown. **5.00** Mister Ed (b/w). Vintage American comedy.
5.30 The Chart Show (Part one).
6.00 Revid. Reviews of the week's film releases on video.
6.15 Famous for 15 Minutes.
6.30 The Chart Show features Level *42's videos and the dance chart.*
7.00 Channel 4 News (Oracle), followed by weather.
7.50 Book Choice. Oxford University postgraduate history student Niall Ferguson reviews *The Mask of Command* by John Keegan (Oracle).
8.00 What the Papers Say.
8.15 Dispatches. Topical *documentary series.*
9.00 Tandoori Nights. Comedy series about two rival Indian restaurants.
9.30 A Houseful of Plants. Advice on window boxes, hanging baskets and balcony gardens (Oracle).
10.00 The Golden Girls. American *sit-com about four middle-aged* women who share a house (Oracle).
10.30 The Last Resort. Jonathan Ross's guests include Emily Lloyd and Roger Cook; with music from Alexander O'Neal.
11.20 Leaf for Life. Joan Shenton reports on a method of turning alfafa leaves into a food supplement, which can provide vital vitamins and protein for under-nourished children in Third World countries.
12.05 The Best of Paul Hogan.
12.35 Film: Trial Run (1984). Thriller starring Annie Whittle as a nature photographer who hears terrifying nocturnal noises at her isolated coastal cottage. Melanie Read directs. Ends **2.15.**

The all-dancing canvas

TELEVISION CHOICE



Christopher Gable, as L.S. Lowry, and Moira Shearer as his mother: A Simple Man, BBC2, 9.50pm

● If L. S. Lowry had known that, as part of the celebration of his centenary, there would be a ballet about him, he would probably have dismissed the venture in a wry phrase to the effect that there's nowt so daft as folk. Taking its title from one of his actual bons mots ("I'm a simple man, and I use simple materials"), A Simple Man (BBC2, 9.50pm) cleverly sets the artist and his works to music and dance and suggests that he was less simple than he liked to make out. Visually, the enterprise is brilliant, perfectly capturing the look of a Lowry canvas with its scurrying, shadowless figures and characteristic blend of colours — greys and browns and dull blues with flashes of red against an eerie white background. One by one, Lowry's characters are brought to life: the enigmatic girl in the red dress, the equally mysterious tennis player, the pathetic cripple. Most important is the artist's mother, to whom he was devoted despite her almost total contempt for his art. Though it would be impertinent for a non-expert to take issue with her dancing, Moira Shearer's characterization of the mother is arguably too animated for someone who was a chronic invalid (real or imagined) and eventually took to her bed and never left it. Christopher Gable's Lowry, however, strikes just the right note, a shambling, bemused figure in old mac and baggy trousers who threatens to be taken over by his creations and yet triumphantly transcends them. Inventively choreographed by Gillian Lynne, with music, carrying an appropriate tinge of melancholy, by Carl Davis, *A Silent Man* is an original and intriguing tribute. It is introduced by Albert Finney.

Peter Waymark

Radio 1

MW (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below)
5.30 am Adrian John **7.00** Mike Smith's Breakfast Show **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30** Newsbeat (Frank Partridge) **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Singled Out (from Prestatyn, North Wales) **7.00** *Jeff* Young's Dance Music Show **9.00** You'll Never Be 16 Again (story of the British teenager) **10.00-12.00** Friday Rock Show. **VHF** Stereo Radios 1 and 2: ***4.00** am As Radio 2 **10.00** pm* As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00** am As Radio 2.

Radio 2

MW (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1)
News on the hour. Sports Round-Up **8.50** am **4.00** am Colin Berry **5.30** Ray Moore **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young ***1.05** pm David Jacobs **2.00** Gloria* Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Thanks for the Memory **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night **9.00** The Organist Entertains (Nigel Ogden) **10.00** Brooks Aehron's Serenade **10.30** The Press Gang **11.00** Nightcap **1.00** am Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

All times are given in GMT
6.00am Newsdesk **6.30** Londres Matin **7.00** News **7.05** Twenty-Four Hours **7.30** Write On **7.45** Merchant Navy Programme **8.00** News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** Musical World **8.30** Music Now **9.00** News **9.09** *Review of British Press* **9.15** *World Today* **9.30** Financial News followed by Sports Roundup **9.45** The Man of Property **10.00** News **10.01** Best of British **10.15** Merchant Navy Programme **10.30** Jazz for the Asking **11.00** News **11.09** News About Britain **11.15** Memoirs of a Fox-Hunting Man **11.30** Londres Midi **12.00** Radio Newsreel **12.15pm** Business Matters **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** News **1.09** Twenty-Four Hours **1.30** John Peel **2.00** *Outlook* **2.45** *Nature Notebook* **3.00** *Radio* Newsreel **3.15** Pillars of Islam **4.00** News **4.09** Commentary **4.15** Science in Action **4.45** World Today **5.00** News **5.09** Letter from Northern Ireland **5.15** English by Radio **5.45** Londres Soir **6.30** Heute Aktuel **8.00** News **8.09** Twenty-Four Hours **8.30** Science in Action **9.00** News **9.01** Network UK **9.15** Business Matters **9.45** Battle of Pollock's Crossing **10.00** News **10.09** World Today **10.25** Letter from Northern *Ireland* **10.30** *Financial News* **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** From the Weeklies **11.30** Multitrack 3 **12.00** News **12.09** News About Britain **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** Personal View **12.45** Recording of Week **1.00** News **1.01** Outlook **1.30** A Drop of Irish **1.45** Nature Notebook **2.00** News **2.09** Review of British Press **2.15** Network UK **2.30** People and Politics **3.00** News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** World Today **3.30** Business Matters **4.00** Newsdesk **4.30** Six Four Eight **4.35** Financial News **4.45** Morgenmagazin **5.45** World Today.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather **7.00** News
7.05 Morning Concert: Duruflé (Quatre motets sur des thèmes gregoriens, Op 10 (Mary Seers, soprano, and Corydon Singers), Honegger (Concerto da camera: Los Angeles CO, with solo instrumentalists), Chabrier (Trois valses romantiques: Marylene Dosse and Annie Petit, pianos), Ibert (Louisville Concerto: City of *Birmingham SO)*
8.00 News bulletin
8.05 Concert (*continued*): Cowell (Hymn and fuguing tune No 10: Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields, with *Celia* Nicklin, oboe) Prokofiev (Cinderella excerpts: Scottish National), Khachaturian (Suite, 1942: Setu Tanyel and Jeremy Brown, pianos), Stravinsky (Eight instrumental miniatures for 15 players: *Ensemble* Intercontemporain)
9.00 World Service News
9.10 This Week's Composer: Falla. Master Peter's Puppet *Show, with London* Sinfonietta, and singers including Alexander Oliver (Peter), and Peter Knapp (Don Quixote). Also Act 1 of the cantata Atlantida, with cast including Anna Ricci and Gregorio Oreja Armendariz.
10.00 Langham Chamber Orchestra, under Vilem Tausky. Volkmann (Serenade No 2), Tausky (Meditation: Coventry, for *string orchestra*), Arensky (Variations on a theme by Tchaikovsky)
10.40 Piggott and Schumann: Martyn Hill (tenor), John *Lenehan (piano). Patrick* Piggott (The heart's journey), Schummann (Five songs, Op 96)
11.15 New Zurich String Quartet: Frank Martin (Quartet, 1967), Mozart (Quartet in D, K 575)
12.05 Liszt: Miklos Perenyi (cello), Zoltan Kocsis (piano). Romance oubliée; Elegy No 1; Elegy No 2
12.20 BBC Welsh SO, under Bryden Thomson, with *David Campbell (clarinet).* Part one, Dvorak (Carnival overture), Nielsen (Clarinet Concerto) **1.00** News
1.05 Concert (part two): Sibelius (Symphony No 1)
1.50 Piano recital: Kathryn Stott plays Haydn's Sonata in E flat, H XVI 52; and Beethoven's Sonata in D minor, Op 31 No 2
2.40 University of Wales Recital: Mary Thomas (soprano),



Emma Kirkby: Sun King at Worship, R3, 7.00pm

Fires of London under Nicholas Cleobury. Martin Davies (The still waters by . . .), Peter Maxwell Davies (Excuse me, for voice and ensemble), Schoenberg (Pierrot Lunaire, Op 21)
4.00 Choral Evensong: from *Liverpool Anglican* Cathedral.
5.00 World Service News
5.10 Mainly for Pleasure: recorded music selection, presented by David Holt. The theme: Ladies' Day **6.55** News
7.00 The Sun King at Worship: motets by Lully, and Michel-Richard de Lalande. Performed by Taverner Players, under Andrew Parrott, with Taverner *Consort and Choir, and* soloists Emily van Evera, Emma Kirkby, Judiths Rees, Evelyn Tubb, Joseph Cornwell, Mark Padmore *and Stephen Charlesworth*
7.50 The Golden Years: first-ever performance of an early play by Arthur Miller. Cast includes Ronald Pickup, Hannah Gordon, and John Shrapnel. Music by Christos Pittas (see Choice)
9.50 Milhaud: Aquarius under Nicholas Cleobury perform Chamber Symphonies 1 to 6; and Les Amours de Ronsard
10.40 Guitar Music: Marcelo *Kayath plays Granados's* Maja de Goya; Piazzolla's La Muerte del Angel; and Albeniz's Suite espanola: Mallorca, Sevilla, Zambra *Granadina*
11.10 Lully joins the Gods: Ensemble Somerie perform Francois Couperin's Apothéose. With Monica Huggett (violin), and Bernard Charnacé, narrator
11.57 News **12.00** Closedown



VAT fraud squad pounce: BBC2, 9.00pm

VARIATIONS

They Made Him a Criminal **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00** Lookaround **6.30-7.00** Take the *High Road* **10.30** Film: Deadfall **12.40am** Close.

CENTRAL As London except:**12.50pm**
News **1.00-3.00** Film: Marchor Die **6.00-7.00** News **10.35** Central Weekend **12.00** Film: Gator **2.15** The Roxy **2.45** America's Top 10 **3.15** Adventure Bound **4.15** News. Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except:**1.00** Reilly Ace of Spies **2.00** Blackie's Magic **3.00** Cross Wits **3.30-4.00** Take the High Road **6.00** Channel Report **6.30-7.00** Country Ways **10.30** Facing South **11.00** Film: Great Scout and Cathouse Thursday **12.50** TV Censored Bloopers **4.00** Company. Close

GRAMPIAN As London except:**12.50pm**
News **1.00** Film: Circle of Deception* **3.00** Sons and Daughters **3.30** Trang Trang **3.45-4.00** Sindan **6.00-7.00** North Tonight **10.30** Crosshire **11.10** Downtown **12.05am** Meltdown **12.35** News. Close.

GRANADA As London except:**12.50pm**
Granada Reports **1.00** Film: Nearest and Dearest **2.30-3.00** Week in View **2.20-3.00** Young Doctors **6.00** Granada Reports **6.30-7.00** Flying Start **10.30** L S Lowry — a Private View **11.30** Catlan **1.25am** I Spy **2.20** Meltdown **2.55** Close.

HTV WEST As London except:**12.50pm**
News **1.00** Film: Suspect* **2.30-3.00** Who's the Boss **6.00-7.00** News **10.30** Your Say **10.45** Flashback for the Fans **11.15** Film: Beast from 20,000* **12.45am** Close.

HTV WALES As HTV West except:**6.00pm-7.00** Wales at Six **10.30** Story and Song **11.00** Wales Festival of Remembrance **11.45-12.45am** Pity of War.

SCOTTISH As London except:**12.50pm**
News **1.00** Film: To Catch a Thief **3.00** Sons & Daughters **3.30** Cartoon **3.45-4.00** Sudan **6.00** Scotland Today **6.30-7.00** Musical Journey **10.30** *Ally Sam & Friends* **11.15** Hammer House of Horror **12.15am** Late Call Close.

TSW As London except:**12.50pm** News **1.00-3.00** Film: Arabesque **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00-7.00** Friday Show **10.32** Sledgehammer **11.00** Film: Dogs of War **1.00am** Postscript, Close.

TVS As London except:**12.50pm** News **1.00** Reilly — Ace of Spies **3.30-4.00** Take the High Road **6.00** Coast to Coast **6.30-7.00** Country Ways **10.30** Facing South **11.00** Film: Great Scout and Cathouse Thursday **12.50am-1.00** Bloopers **4.00** Company.

TYNE TEES As London except:**12.50pm**
News **1.00-3.00** Film: Crooks & Coronets **6.00** Northern Life **6.30-7.00** Extra Time **10.32** Nightime **11.30** Film: Child's Play **12.45** Three's Company. Close.

ULSTER As London except:**12.50pm**
Newsime **1.00-3.00** Film: Two for the Road **6.00** Six Tonight **6.15-7.00** So Tonight Extra **10.30** Witness **10.35** Kelly's People on Tour **11.20** Film: High Risk **12.35am** Newstime. Close.

YORKSHIRE As London except:**12.50pm**
News **1.00-3.00** Film: The Mountain **6.00** Calendar **6.30-7.00** ALF **10.30** Miss Yorkshire Television **11.30** Hitchcock Presents ... **12.00** Celebrity **2.30am** Jobfinder **3.30** Close.

S4C Starts:**9.30am** Schools **12.00** *Business Daily* **12.30pm** Countdown **1.00** Open College **2.00** Film: Woman in a Dressing Gown* **3.45** Journey Into History **4.00** Brwsion **4.15** Smyrffs **4.45** Superted **5.00** Chips Comic **5.30** Chart Show **6.00** Revid **6.15** Famous for Fifteen Minutes **6.30** Chart Show **7.00** Newyddion Saith **7.30** Rargan Fawr **8.00** Caryl Ac Eirian **8.30** Carreg Ateb **8.55** Y Byd Ar Bedwar **9.30** One Week* **10.00** A Fine Romance **10.30** Last Resort **11.20** Kill or Cure Specials **12.05am** Paul Hogan **12.35** Film. Trial Run **2.15** Close

Radio 4

LW (long wave). (s) Stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping Forecast **6.00** *News Briefing;* Weather **6.10** Farming **6.25** Prayer (s)
6.30 Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News **6.45** Business *News* **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.00, 8.00** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament **8.50** Your Letters **8.57** Weather; Travel
9.00 News
9.05 Desert Island Discs: Michael Parkinson's guest is Bamber Gascoigne, who selects some his favourite records (s)(r)
9.45 Feedback: Christopher Dunkley follows up your comments about BBC programmes and policies
10.00 News: International Assignment
10.30 *Morning Story:* The Other Woman, by Brendan O'Byrne. The reader is Fleur Chandler
10.45 Daily Service: New Every *Morning, page 54 (s)*
11.00 Analysis: After the Fall: Michael Robinson talks to experts round the world about the stock market *crash (replaces the repeat* of last night's Analysis)
11.47 Treasure Islands: Novelist and children's writer Penelope Lively enters the *work of children's books,* and meets Sebastian Walker, of Walker Books; Judith Elliott, of Orchard Books; and Liz *Attenborough, editorial* director of Puffin
12.00 News; You and Yours with John Howard
12.25 The Food Programme: Derek Cooper presents his weekly defence of pure food at a fair price **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: Presented by Marjorie Lolthouse, in Birmingham. Today: the legal and social implications of a wife's not taking the surname of her husband. Plus the fourth instalment of Where Angels Fear to Tread
3.00 News; Mr Belundle: Three-part dramatization by Frederick Bradnum of V S *Pritchett's novel, with* Freddie Jones and Rosemary Leach (2)
4.00 News
4.05 On the Cut: Arthur Wood *presents a six-part series* recalling life and work on the English canal system (5): The View from the Bank
4.30 Kaleidoscope: includes items on B MacLaverty's book The Great Profundo, and Other Stories; and the film Maurice. Presented by Nigel Andrews (r)
5.00 PM. **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 News, incl Financial Report
6.30 Going Place: Clive Jacobs and his team monitor movements in the world of travel and trasnport
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week: Margaret Howard presents highlights from the past week's television and radio programmes
8.20 *Any Questions? Jonathan* Dimbleby with publisher Naim Attallah, writer Phillip Whitehead, Rosie Barnes MP, and industrialist *Graham Dowson. A direct* transmission from Derby
9.05 Law in Action: John Eidinow presents the topical programme about issues *thrown up by the courts and* by Parliament
9.30 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke
9.45 Kaleidoscope: Sue *Summers investigates soap-*operas; their need to be constantly up-dated, and the need they fulfil in society
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: The *Child in Time, (s) The reader* is Norman Jones **10.29** Weather
10.30 The World Tonight: presented by Richard Kershaw
11.00 Today in Parliament
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Week Ending: Satirical view of the week's news with Bill Wallis, *David Tate,* Sally Grace and Jon Glover
12.00 News; Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast
VHF as above except: **11.00am-12.00** For Schools. **11.00** Earth Search **11.20** Playtime **11.35** Music Workshop **1.55-3.00** pm For Schools. **1.55** Listening Corner **2.05** Let's Join In with Soundbox **2.25** The Song Tree **2.40** Country Dancing Stage 3 **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **12.30-1.10** am Schools Night-Time. 20th-*Century Witness.* **12.30** Women's Changing Role (1) **12.50** Women's Changing Role (2)

FREQUENCIES: **Radio 1**:1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m; **Radio 2**: 693kHz/433m: 909kHz/330m; **Radio 3**: 1215kHz/247m:VHF-90-92.5; **Radio 4**: 200kHz/1500m: VHF-92-95; **LBC**:1152kHz/261m: VHF 97.3; **Capital**: 1548kHz/194m: VHF95.8; **BBC Radio London**: 1458kHz/206m: VHF 94.9; **World Service**: MF 648kHz/463m.

RADIO CHOICE



John Shrapnel: R3, 7.50pm

● It is not curiosity value alone — though it has plenty of that, because this is the first time Arthur Miller's 47-year-old play has ever been performed — that gives tonight's broadcast of The Golden Years (Radio 3, 7.50) its particular excitement. What really matters is that this early Miller has flashes of psychological insight (and certainly of poetry) that are worthy to stand alongside anything in later Miller. His chronicle about the confrontation between the Aztec emperor Montezuma and the Spanish *conquistador* Cortés inevitably calls to mind Peter Shaffer's *The Royal Hunt of the Sun* (Inca king Atahualpa confronting Spanish *conquistador* Pizarro). Put the two *plays side by side, try to forget* the breathtaking staging of Shaffer's play, and Miller has the edge on the competition. *Though characteristic of the* playwright, it is of secondary importance that Miller sees Cortés as a 16th century Hitler. The clash between the bloody invader (John Shrapnel) and the noble savage (Ronald Pickup) is staged outside historical time because it springs from the recurring theme of one ideological attitude being subverted by another.

Peter Davalle

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Reagan heaps praise on 'Cap'

From Michael Binyon
Washington

President Reagan yesterday saluted Mr Caspar Weinberger when the Secretary of Defence stepped down, citing his wife's ill health as his reason. The President compared Mr Weinberger with Disraeli and Churchill and called him "the finest Secretary of Defence in the history of our nation".

Paying generous tribute at a White House ceremony to the man who has worked with him for 20 years, as Defence Secretary for the past seven, Mr Reagan saluted Mr Weinberger's "courage, constancy, loyalty, together with uncommon brilliance, decisiveness and determination". He also praised his achievement in raising military morale.

"Today, just about every enlisted man or woman will tell you that 'Cap' is a Defence Secretary who cares about the troops." He had "chiselled into the tablets of history a story of concern for those who defend peace and freedom".

Mr Reagan also announced that Mr Frank Carlucci would replace Mr Weinberger, whose resignation would be effective once Mr Carlucci's nomination is confirmed by the Senate, and the appointment of Lieutenant-General Colin Powell, Mr Carlucci's deputy, to take over as National Security Adviser.

Under Mr Weinberger, the US armed forces had gone a long way to make up for the years of neglect. "Once again the Government treats those who defend America with respect," Mr Reagan said.

Piling on superlatives that underline his personal loss in the departure of his last close adviser, the President said that from their first days in California, he had found Mr Weinberger to be an outstanding, thinking leader.

Mr Reagan, referring to Mr Weinberger's famous debate at the Oxford Union, said that many people have rued the day they debated with 'Cap'. And alluding to Mr Weinberger's anglophilia, he added: "I've occasionally called him my Disraeli. But as I think of him in the service he has given the nation . . . more than anyone else it's Churchill who comes to mind." Mr Weinberger, clearly moved, spoke in reply of his "unbounded admiration" for Mr Reagan's accomplishments, and how the President had changed for the better the policies and whole agenda of the nation.

● **Soldier promoted:** Lieutenant-General Colin Powell, who was yesterday named as the first black National Security Adviser, commanded the US Army 5th Corps in West Germany before being called to duty at the White House early this year (Mohsin Ali writes).

The three-star general, aged 50, is considered one of the Pentagon's so-called "whiz kids". He is an army Ranger and paratrooper. The tall and powerfully-built officer is a highly-decorated veteran of the Vietnam war.



Dr Peter Jones, consultant paediatrician and medical adviser to the Haemophilia Society, between Mr Simon Taylor (left) and Mr Julian Miller, who are both haemophiliacs and carriers of the Aids virus (Photograph: John Rogers).

MPs back haemophiliac Aids victims

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

The British Medical Association's warning that doctors should not test patients for Aids viral infection without consent has come under renewed attack in its own journal today (Our Science Correspondent writes).

***The practice of medicine will* become "effectively impossible" if advice from the BMA's legal advisers becomes accepted in law, and the *guidance is another step towards* defensive medicine, according to Dr Stephen Barrett, writing in the *British Medical Journal*.**

The association has said that doctors might face charges of assault if they carry out unpermitted tests for human immunodeficiency virus infection.

But another letter to the journal says that the BMA "propaganda machine" has tried to force its line on its members despite the decision reached at the association's conference earlier this year to support testing without consent.

That decision has been effectively blocked by the BMA leadership

Two young men carrying the Aids virus achieved the near impossible yesterday.

They welded about 50 MPs representing every strand of political opinion into a united body determined to force the Government to give financial support to 1,200 haemophiliacs who are HIV-positive as a result of treatment with contaminated NHS blood products. Forty-five of those 1,200 are already dead.

The aim is to mobilize such *irresistible backbench pressure that* the Government has no option but recognize what they consider to be its "absolute moral duty" to alleviate the plight of the haemophiliacs, most of whom contracted the virus before stringent counter-measures were adopted in 1985.

The two men, Mr Julian Miller and Mr Simon Taylor, are both members of the Haemophilia Society, which yesterday launched its campaign in a packed committee room at the House of Commons.

Mr Miller, aged 25, worked in advertising in Birmingham until six months ago when he had to return to his parents' home in North Wales to convalesce. He is now unemployed. Like any other human being, he told the meeting, he would love to marry and start a family but that was now inconceivable "in the short term, medium term or long term".

He was diagnosed as HIV-positive in October 1984 and was "shattered". It had "virtually shut off the possibility of leading a normal life for ever". He is now permanently "terrified" of the virus developing into the full-blown disease. "Every time you cough, have diarrhoea, lose weight or sweat in the night you think you are developing full-blown Aids".

Mr Taylor, aged 31, a public relations consultant from London, dwelt on the "devastating" financial penalties of having contracted the virus. It was impossible to obtain life insurance and endowment mortgages to protect dependants. A high protein diet and extra heating were vital in warding off infection. Jobs were jeopardized.

There were extra laundry and travel costs. Sweating and incontinence meant increased clothing and bedding costs. The society has calculated the additional financial burden to be £65 a week.

Until now the Government has consistently refused to consider financial help, arguing that the victims should seek compensation for negligence through the courts. However, the society has been told that that would be unlikely to succeed. Even if it did "most of the people affected would not survive the court action", Mr Taylor said.

The society is pressing the Government for a weekly benefit payment, a fund recognizing the disaster that has befallen the victims through no fault of their own, an insurance scheme to protect their homes, and provision for their dependants.

Outlining a plan of action, Mr Robert Key, Tory MP for Salisbury, gave a warning against going over the top. "We have to challenge the Government simply on grounds of compassion and morality. We have got to lead a revolution in public opinion."

The campaign has produced more than 50 parliamentary questions to be put to ministers. Two early-day motions have been tabled.

Scientists hopeful, page 7

Commons sketch

Just William and his gang exit left

Mr John Patten, Minister of State at the Home Office, ever the aggrieved hairdresser, spoke against the "nasty sick survivalist culture from the wilder shores of the martial art world".

Little did he suspect that the nasty sick survivalist culture from his own shores would soon be lapping at his feet.

Mr Roy Hattersley stood up to reply. No danger there. Mr Hattersley has all the *thrust* and parry of a blancmange. "I'm sure we're all tremendously impressed by the Minister's tough talk", he declared. This followed his recent procedure in all debates of praising Government policy in a voice which he imagines to be awash with swingeing irony, but which is simply awash.

But the bully-boys among *the regular privates* were lining up for an affray. First to put his head above the dustbin was Mr Geoffrey *Dickens, still* dreaming of the Death Penalty, still wondering why the Home Office was blocking his route to the fun.

A Labour *backbencher* then made threatening noises about the current shortage of prisons. This was all the fault *of the Labour government*, barked back the Home Secretary, Mr Douglas Hurd.

Impolite Members on the Opposition benches reminded him that there had been no Labour government for a full eight years, but Mr Hurd seemed to think that this was splitting hairs.

Mr Joe Ashton (Labour, Bassetlaw), voice of the people, commonsense, the North, the vast majority of ordinary men and women, all that is decent, the Working Class, right-minded folk and much, much more, suggested that the Government was soft-pedalling over gun legislation because shooting was an upper class pursuit. Any trouble with football was dealt with quickly because it was a working class pursuit.

Mr Dennis Skinner (Labour, Bolsover) swaggered into *the class brawl armed* with nothing but an unloaded fact. The Prime Minister had 13 televisions in Number 10 *Downing Street but only one* licence. All these posh hotels had six hundred TVs but only one licence. "Why don't they *stop this nonsense?*"

Inches away from Skinner, Dr David Owen, making an increasingly rare appearance in the Chamber, took up his *characteristic* sunbathing pose, stretched flat out, staring upwards to the ceiling with a knowing smirk on his *face. To the Doctor's left*, little Mr Maclennan was whispering sweet nothings into his ear, but he appeared not to notice.

Into these proceedings strolled the Prime Minister, Miss Violet Elizabeth Bott among a gang of dirty-faced Williams. Opposite her, Mr Tony Benn sat on the gangway, his knees to his chest. "I really don't see why we should take lectures on the price of electricity from the party opposite", trilled Miss Bott.

There came a glint from a hideous new weapon slipped into the Chamber by Mr Bob Cryer (Labour, Bradford South). The Members opposite were busy lining their own pockets, he said.

Mr Skinner stretched out his hand for his turn with the hideous new weapon, grasping it firmly by the blade. The Member for Chingford (Mr Norman Tebbit) was lining his own pocket, he said.

The Speaker said that this was a remark reflecting on the Honour of the Member for *Chingford.* "*I know it is*", Mr Skinner yelled back.

The Speaker asked him to withdraw the remark. "No! No!" yelled his gang. "Withdraw it!" yelled the other gang. "Absolutely true", said Mr Skinner, a mite halfheartedly.

"Will the Honourable Gentleman please leave the Chamber", requested the Speaker. At first, Mr Skinner refused, but then, after his question "Will you follow me?" drew a muted assent from a scattered handful of his fellows, he changed his mind and exited, followed slug-footedly by the grubby handful.

On the Front Bench, Mr Neil Kinnock, motionless, stared straight ahead, the father in the smart hotel disowning the children when *their games with the jelly* trifles have gone just a little too far.

Craig Brown

Kidnapped dentist freed after police shoot-out

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with police who had surrounded them at a cottage in Co Cork.

Subsequently, Dr Darragh called in a *London security* firm, Control Risks, to advise him in negotiations with the kidnappers.

The gang made contact through a friend of the O'Grady family. But the friend failed to find a message by the gang in a church in Limerick.

Believing that their demand was being ignored, the gang reacted violently and increased the ransom demand from £300,000 to £1.5 million.

They stipulated that payment was to consist of a million in sterling and half a million in Irish currency.

The Dublin priest, Father Brian D'Arcy, was on his way to Cork to meet a member of the gang when Mr O'Grady was discovered by police during a routine search of Dublin houses.

Last night, Father D'Arcy said that his role was strictly *confidential.*

"I am delighted and happy that Mr O'Grady has been released. That has been the purpose of our prayers and work for a very long time."

The spokesman for the family said Mr O'Grady's wife, Maresa, was now at his bedside in the clinic and would stay with him overnight. "They are delighted to be together again. The family are deeply indebted to the Gardai and deeply saddened about the injuries to the two policemen."

Both the Irish government and police are opposed to the payment of any ransom, but they had been discreetly monitoring the arrangements which were being made for the payment to the gang for Mr O'Grady's release.

Mr Collins said the family had gone through a terrible ordeal, particularly in the last few days, as a result of the way *the kidnap had developed.*

"I am sure it shocks everyone. It shocks the nation. This gang will be hunted down to the end of the road", he said.

Police were fearful for Mrs Darmody's safety because of the vicious reputation of O'Hare, aged 29, from South Ormagh.

O'Hare was formerly a member of the IRA and of the Irish National Liberation Army. More recently, he has *gained international notoriety* through his freelance operations.

Arms on seized ship 'from Libya'

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believe the crew at one stage considered scuttling the ship and spent some time trying to make up their minds what to do. They had evidently become aware that they were under surveillance.

British authorities were awaiting a full inventory of what they described as "a frightening array of weaponry".

Intelligence sources confirmed last night that there was no question of any involvement of an American spy satellite in tracing and monitoring the movement of the vessel. The sources said that there had been no satellite tip-off that a boat had been seen loading arms in Tripoli.

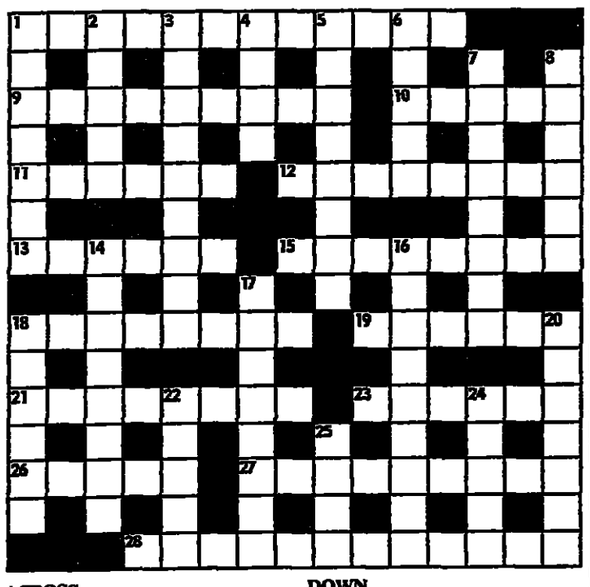
It is assumed that American spy satellites pass over Libya but if photographs had been taken of the boat in Tripoli, the significance had clearly not been appreciated by the American National Security Agency.

● **Trade increase:** Britain's trade with Libya has increased sharply since it broke relations with Tripoli in 1984, confounding widespread assumptions that it would drop (Andrew McEwen writes). With a £123-million surplus on its trade with Libya last year, there is virtually no chance that Britain will impose trade sanctions in protest against Tripoli's attempt to run a shipload of weapons to Ireland.

Whitehall sources said that ministers were considering what response to make, but it would be contrary to British policy to use the trade weapon.

● **Thatcher praise:** M Jacques Chirac, the French Prime Minister, revealed in Brest yesterday that he had received "an extremely warm letter" from Mrs Thatcher congratulating France on the success of the operation that trapped the Eksund.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,507



ACROSS

1 This opening number is a star turn (7,5).
9 For the present trouble *in disguise* (5,4).
10 Form of conveyance from Tellson's Bank? (5).
11 Agreement in art yet to be worked out (6).
12 Importance of a summit (8).
13 Gypsy to see a chap about a chap (6).
15 Boyfriend to hand bearing fruit (4-4).
18 Move it closer in retreat (8).
19 Sour account by one returning *hero* (6).
21 Certain changes made by Robert the Bruce? (3,5).
23 Assemble machine using this device (6).
26 "And summer's _____ hath all too short a date" (Shakespeare) (5).
27 *Fifteenth century House in the* City (9).
28 The super feature of Tom but not Jerry (4,8).

Concise crossword, page 14

DOWN

1 Barge for setting the Thames on fire? (7).
2 East *to follow odd lead from her* (5).
3 Herein liquid refreshment for some writers (9).
4 Manner of walking *in a crowd* say (4).
5 This strange fellow admits one to the Games (8).
6 Tory model in place of this beauty (5).
7 Early English road maker according to GKC (8).
8 Old garden theatre (6).
14 Night light for satellite broadcast (8).
16 Move round two points on direction finder (9).
17 Strong man in Charles Dickens's fifth novel (8).
18 Repair shoes in the street (6).
20 Having arrived as artists, they produce lots of pictures (7).
22 Patience typical of such works? (5).
24 Turner portraying the French and English? (5).
25 Small size in feet? (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 17,506

T	R	E	A	C	H	E	R	Y		S	T	R	A	P
W	■	W	H	■	S	■	E	■	T	■	A	■	O	■
E	L	E	G	A	N	T	■	R	E	E	D	F	U	L
E	■	L	■	M	■	A	■	■	E	■	F	■	■	Y
D	R	A	K	E	■	B	L	U	E	P	R	I	N	T
S	■	M	■	L	■	L	■	N	■	■	S	■	O	■
S	O	B	■	E	L	I	Z	A	B	E	T	H	A	N
E	■	O	■	S	■	V	■	L	■	■	■	■	A	■
M	I	S	A	N	T	H	R	O	P	E	■	W	L	■
A	■	E	■	■	E	■	I	■	V	■	W	■	■	■
F	I	G	H	E	A	D	E	D	■	E	X	E	A	T
H	■	M	■	I	■	■	A	■	N	■	S	■	W	■
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R	■	N	E	■	U	■	L	E	■	M	■	A	■	■
E	N	T	E	R	■	B	E	E	F	S	T	E	A	K

WEATHER

General situation: High pressure in the North Sea will drift slowly south-east. There will be mist and fog at first in some areas but most of this will clear slowly during the morning, although in a few low lying spots it could *linger into the afternoon. Everywhere will be dry, and although it will be rather cloudy at* times most places will see something of the sun. It will be quite cool in places where the fog is slow to clear but otherwise temperatures will be much the same as over the last couple of days, maximum 10C to 12C (50F to 54F) in the south and 9C to 11C (48F to 52F) in the north. Outlook for tomorrow and Sunday: Dry at first but some cloud and rain spreading gradually east.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

		C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	s	19	66	Malaga	c	18	64
Akrotiri	f	18	64	Malta	f	17	63
Alex'dria	s	23	73	Melb'rne	c	15	59
Algiers	c	22	72	Mexico C*	s	20	68
Amst'dm	c	9	48	Miami*	f	30	86
Athens	f	11	52	Milan	s	13	55
Bahrain	s	27	81	Montreal*	c	17	63
Barbados*	s	29	84	Moscow	c	3	37
Barcelna	s	19	66	Munich	s	7	45
Belgrade	s	9	48	Naples	s	14	57
Berlin	c	9	48	N Delhi	s	28	82
Bermuda*	s	24	75	N York*	s	23	73
Biarritz	s	21	70	Nice	s	19	66
Border'x	s	17	63	Oslo	fg	1	34
Brussels	f	4	39	Paris	s	9	48
Budapst	s	9	48	Peking	s	9	48
B Aires*	c	19	66	Perth	s	27	81
Cairo	s	24	75	Prague	f	7	45
Cape Tn	s	19	66	Reykjvik	c	9	48
C'blanca	f	22	72	Rhodes	s	15	59
Chicago*	s	19	66	Rio de J	s	28	82
Ch'church	s	16	61	Riyadh	s	29	84
Cologne	s	10	50	Rome	s	17	63
C'phagn	c	9	48	Salzburg	s	11	52
Corfu	s	15	59	S F'risco*	f	12	54
Dublin	c	10	50	Santiago*	f	18	64
Dubrovnik	s	13	55	S Paulo*	s	31	88
Faro	c	19	66	Seoul	s	8	46
Florence	s	15	59	Singapr	th	30	86
Frankfurt	s	8	46	S'rkholm	f	10	50
Funchal	c	19	66	Strasb'rg	s	7	45
Geneva	c	9	48	Sydney	s	22	72
Gibraltar	f	19	66	Tangier	f	22	72
Helsinki	s	9	48	Tel aviv	s	21	70
Innsbruck	s	9	48	Tenerife	f	25	77
Istanbul	c	8	46	Tokyo	s	21	70
Jeddah	s	33	91	Toronto*	f	19	66
Jo'burg*	s	29	84	Tunis	f	21	70
Karachi	s	33	91	Valencia	c	17	63
L Palmas	s	28	82	Vanc'ver*	c	11	52
Lisbon	c	16	64	Venice	s	12	54
Locarno	s	13	55	Vienna	s	8	46
L Angels*	f	17	63	Warsaw	c	6	43
Luxembg	s	8	46	Wash'ton*	s	23	73
Madrid	f	16	61	Wel'ston	f	16	61
Majorca	f	21	70	Zurich	c	5	41

* denotes Wednesday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	-	-	10	50	cloudy
Bridlington	-	-	11	52	cloudy
Cromer	-	-	11	52	cloudy
Lowestoft	-	-	11	52	cloudy
Clacton	5.4	-	10	50	sunny
Southend	4.2	-	12	54	sunny
Margate	-	-	11	52	sunny
Folkestone	6.5	-	11	52	sunny
Hastings	7.6	-	12	54	sunny
Eastbourne	6.4	-	11	52	sunny
Brighton	7.7	-	11	52	sunny
Worthing	7.3	-	12	54	sunny
Littlehmptn	7.3	-	12	54	sunny
Bognor R	7.3	-	12	54	sunny
Southsea	6.6	-	12	54	sunny
Sandown	0.9	-	11	52	cloudy
Shanklin	1.7	-	11	52	cloudy
Bournemth	3.1	-	12	54	sunny
Poole	2.5	-	12	54	bright
Swanage	0.7	-	11	52	cloudy
Weymouth	1.7	-	11	52	bright
Exmouth	-	-	11	52	dull
Teignmouth	-	-	12	54	cloudy
Torquay	-	-	12	54	dull
Falmouth	4.2	-	13	55	sunny
Penzance	7.0	-	13	55	sunny
Scilly Isles	5.7	-	13	55	sunny
Jersey	7.0	-	11	52	sunny
Guernsey	7.8	-	13	55	sunny
Newquay	7.2	-	13	55	sunny
Ilfracombe	-	-	11	52	sunny
Minehead	0.7	-	11	52	bright
B'pool Aerpt	0.4	-	9	48	bright
Morecambe	6.7	-	11	52	sunny
Douglas	-	-	9	48	cloudy
B'ham Airpt	-	-	9	48	cloudy
Bristol (Cnt)	6.3	-	13	55	sunny
Carlisle	7.3	-	11	52	sunny
London	3.5	-	13	55	sunny
Manchester	0.6	-	9	48	bright
N'cstle-Tyne	0.8	-	10	50	cloudy
Nottingham	-	-	9	48	cloudy
Anglesey	6.1	-	13	55	sunny
Cardiff (Cnt)	4.3	-	10	50	bright
Colwyn Bay	7.5	-	13	55	sunny
Tenby	1.0	-	11	52	cloudy
Aberdeen	-	-	8	46	cloudy
Aviemore	-	-	4	39	dull
Edinburgh	5.5	-	9	48	bright
Eskdalemuir	7.5	-	10	50	sunny
Glasgow	-	-	7	45	fog
Kintoss	-	-	7	45	cloudy
Lerwick	-	.11	9	48	drizzle
Prestwick	1.0	-	9	48	cloudy
Stornoway	-	-	9	48	cloudy
Tiree	-	-	10	50	cloudy
Wick	-	-	8	46	cloudy
Belfast	1.0	-	11	52	cloudy

* Denotes figures not available

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HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	1.53	7.2	2.04	7.2
Aberdeen	1.00	4.4	1.30	4.2
Avonmouth	7.16	13.4	7.35	13.4
Belfast	11.01	3.5	11.18	3.5
Cardiff	7.01	12.3	7.20	12.4
Devonport	5.51	5.7	6.07	5.6
Dover	11.01	6.8	11.25	6.6
Falmouth	5.21	5.5	5.37	5.4
Glasgow	12.41	4.9	12.51	4.7
Harwich	11.53	4.0	—	—
Holyhead	10.16	5.5	10.33	5.7
Hull	6.04	7.7	6.36	7.3
Ilfracombe	5.53	9.1	6.14	9.2
Leith	2.19	5.7	2.51	5.6
Liverpool	11.16	9.4	11.33	9.5
Lowestoft	9.15	2.6	9.53	2.4
Margate	11.56	4.9	—	—
Milford Haven	6.12	7.0	6.32	7.1
Newquay	5.02	7.0	5.22	7.1
Oban	5.37	4.0	5.58	4.1
Penzance	4.47	5.8	5.02	5.7
Portland	7.06	2.3	7.32	2.3
Portsmouth	11.29	4.8	11.49	4.7
Shoreham	11.06	6.3	11.28	6.2
Southampton	10.53	4.7	11.11	4.5
Swansea	6.18	9.7	6.39	9.7
Tees	3.29	5.6	3.55	5.5
W'ton-on-Nze	11.44	4.3	—	—

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.280ft. Times are GMT

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.57	2.53
Austria Sch	21.85	21.75
Belgium Fr	64.95	61.75
Canada $	2.43	2.31
Denmark Kr	12.00	11.40
Finland Mkk	7.67	7.27
France Fr	10.45	9.95
Germany Dm	3.10	2.94
Greece Dr	265	235
Hong Kong $	14.15	13.45
Ireland Pt	1.168	1.106
Italy Lire	2280	2170
Japan Yen	249	237
Netherlands Gld	3.485	3.315
Norway Kr	11.83	11.18
Portugal Esc	252.75	237.75
South Africa Rd	4.35	3.85
Spain Pta	207.50	197.50
Sweden Kr	11.19	10.69
Switzerland Fr	2.54	2.42
USA $	1.84	1.76
Yugoslavia Dnr	2100	1700

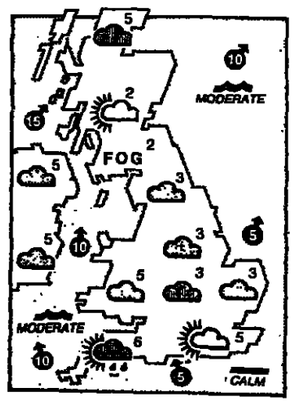
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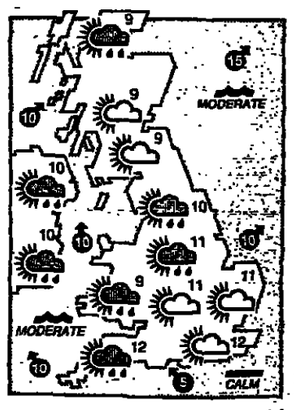
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AM



PM



LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 13C (55F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 9C (48F). Humidity: 6 pm, 79 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 3.5 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1035.2 millibars, steady. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 9C (48F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 4C (39F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.6 hr.

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 4.56 pm to 6.34 am
Bristol 5.06 pm to 6.43 am
Edinburgh 4.53 pm to 7.01 am
Manchester 4.58 pm to 6.48 am
Penzance 5.21 pm to 6.51 am

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

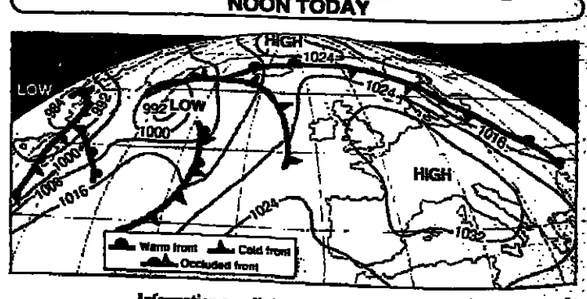
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Blackpool	c	9	48	Jersey	s	9	48
Bristol	s	12	54	London	f	12	54
Cardiff	s	11	52	M'chester	c	9	48
Edinburgh	s	7	45	Newcastle	c	10	50
Glasgow	c	4	39	N'ireland	c	9	48

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Penzance, Cornwall: Guernsey, 13C (55F); lowest day max: Aviemore, Cairngorm, 4C (39F); highest rainfall: Lerwick, Shetland, 0.11in; highest sunshine: Guernsey, 7.8 hr.

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STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1287.9 (+32.3)

FT-SE 100
1638.8 (+30.7)

Bargains
39058 (40885)

USM (Datastream)
138.78 (–4.51)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.7815 (+0.0310)

W German mark
2.9787 (–0.0164)

Trade-weighted
75.3 (+0.3)

US buy for electronics company

Electrocomponents, the electronic and electrical distributor, is paying £11 million for the Misco Organisation, America's second largest computer supplies distributor.

News of the deal accompanied Electrocomponents' interim results showing profits up from £18.1 million to £20.5 million in the six months to end-September.

Misco, currently owned by the Gillette Company, distributes data and computer accessories and furniture.

Electrocomponents' interim dividend rises 15 per cent to 1.27p. Earnings per share are 6.42p against 5.74p.

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In tomorrow's *Family Money*: are property prices set to fall? Will your pension suffer because of the stock market collapse? Plus, what the exclusive banks have to offer and what the base rate cut means for your mortgage.

Windsmoor up

Windsmoor, the women's fashion group, made pretax profits in the half year to the end of July of £1.03 million, a rise of 12.6 per cent. The interim dividend was 1.25p.

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Westbury rise

Westbury, the housebuilder which came to the market in May last year, increased pretax profits 87 per cent to £5.2 million in the half year to end-August. Turnover rose 66 per cent to £53.6 million. An interim dividend of 1.75p was declared. Tempus, page 26

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STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	1963.53 (+18.24)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Average	22629.56 (–430.97)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	1960.90 (–116.21)
Amsterdam: Gen	208.7 (–4.3)
Sydney: AO	1250.5 (–39.5)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1396.6 (–33.3)
Brussels:	
General	3766.1 (–78.5)
Paris: CAC	297.1 (–3.8)
Zurich: SKA Gen	443.5 (–15.3)
London:	
FT–A All-Share	824.90 (+11.07)
FT–"500"	909.03 (+11.4)
FT. Gold Mines	273.5 (–5.7)
FT. Fixed interest	94.47 (+0.57)
FT. Govt Secs	91.47 (+0.96)

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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
ICI	1053p (+35p)
Beecham	422p (+25p)
Royal Insurance	395p (+20p)
Cookson Group	463p (+43p)
Dixons	261p (+21p)
Amersham Intnl.	379p (+14p)
Storehouse	235p (+10p)
Commercial Union	308p (+17p)
Merrydown Wine	295p (+15p)
Ratners	230p (+11p)
BOC Group	323p (+14p)
Allied Lyons	330p (+10p)
FALLS:	
Amber Ind.	375p (–40p)
Vibroplant	495p (–70p)
Wiggins	133p (–26p)
Oxford Inst.	151p (–14p)
UEI	285p (–40p)
Avon Rubber	485p (–30p)
Ladbroke	302p (–12p)
WPP Group	388p (–17p)

Prices are as at 4pm

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 9%
3-month interbank $8^{15}/_{16}$-$8^{7}/_{8}$%
3-month eligible bills: $8^{9}/_{16}$-$8^{7}/_{16}$% buying rate
US: Prime Rate 8¾%
Federal Funds 6⅝%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.53-5.52%*
30-year bonds $100^{9}/_{16}$-100%*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.7815	£: $1.7725*
£: DM2.9787	$: DM1.6815*
£: SwFr2.4415	$: SwFr1.3810*
£: FFr10.2080	$: FFr5.6875*
£: Yen240.32	$: Yen135.40*
£: Index:75.3	$: Index:96.9
ECU £0.690316	SDR £0.763920

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $459.70 pm-$457.55
close $456.50-457.50 (£257.50-258.25)
New York:
Comex $458.40-459.60*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Dec.) pm $18.00bbl ($18.15)
* Denotes latest trading price

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Dollar falls to record lows

US and German interest rates cut

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The Bundesbank lowered interest rates yesterday to try to steady the currency markets. But the dollar slumped to new lows as the move was overshadowed by statements indicating a willingness by the Reagan Administration to see the dollar lower rather than risk recession.

Cuts in US prime rates from 9 to 8.75 per cent, while following the softening of US money market rates, also lessened the impact of the West German move.

The dollar fell by three pfennigs to a record low of DM1.6820 in London, falling effortlessly through the DM1.70 level. It fell from Y137.20 to Y135.30, a new 40-year low.

In New York, the dollar fell to DM1.6650 and Y134.50, and is expected to fall to DM1.60 and Y130 before encountering support.

The pound soared by 3.1 cents to $1.7805 but eased back to just below DM2.98. The sterling index rose by 0.3 points to 75.3.

The Bundesbank announced after its regular council meeting that it was cutting its Lombard rate from 5 to 4.5 per cent. In addition, the November 11 securities' repurchase agreement would be at a rate of 3.5 per cent, compared with the present 3.8 per cent.

The Lombard rate cut, effectively lowering the upper limit for West German money market interest rates, was regarded as less significant than the reduction in the securities repurchase rate to its lowest this year.

"Nobody expected the Germans to make such a decisive move," said Mr Andrew Speirs, an economist at Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank. "This was the most they could have been expected to do without action on the other side of the Atlantic."

But analysts expect a cut in the Bundesbank's discount rate if there is action on the US budget deficit.

The discount rate, 3 per cent at present, was not reduced yesterday. Expectations are that the US budget compromise could mean a cut of up to $28 billion (£16 billion) in the budget deficit for next year – $10 billion from revenue increases, $13 billion from spending restrictions and $4 billion-$5 billion from asset sales and other items.

But the revenue increase is likely to fall short of a tax increase, concentrating on bringing forward tax payments or tightening up on the collection of taxes.

The reduction in West German interest rates and the accompanying increase in French rates were primarily aimed at avoiding an early realignment within the European Monetary System.

The Banque de France raised its money market intervention rate from 7.5 to 8.25 per cent to help the franc, against the worldwide trend to lower interest rates.

Analysts believe West German industry can withstand a further rise in the mark against the dollar.

Healthy gains for FTSE

Share prices on the London stock market responded warmly to news of cuts in US and West German interest rates yesterday erasing early falls to finish with some healthy gains.

The FT-SE 100 index droppped below the 1,600 level yet again in early trade with a 21.0 fall, but rallied to close 30.7 up at 1,638.8. The narrower FT index of 30 shares also shrugged of an early deficit to end 32.3 higher at 1,287.9.

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Banks listen to Baker

From Bailey Morris, Washington

The dollar plunged again yesterday and US interest rates fell in response to unusual, public comments by Mr James Baker, the US Treasury Secretary, that the Administration's economic priority was to avoid a recession through lower interest rates.

It was the Administration's first public admission that the US was pursuing a new policy of letting the dollar fall to supply the financial system with sufficient liquidity to prevent another rise in interest rates.

Mr Baker stressed that the US would not maintain artificial ranges for the dollar at the expense of monetary policy. He made clear that he believed the primary cause of the market's crash on "Black Monday" was the Federal Reserve Board's tighter monetary policy, which led to higher interest rates.

The Treasury Secretary also said that once the White House achieved a deficit-reduction agreement with Congress, he hoped to negotiate a new international economic accord with the other industrialized nations.

The White House said later that the Louvre accord was still in operation.

Leading US banks responded to Mr Baker's interview in the *Wall Street Journal* by lowering prime lending rates to 8¾ per cent from 9 per cent, continuing the trend toward lower rates triggered by the crash.

Riggs National Bank cut its base rate on Monday but other leading banks only followed suit after Mr Baker's remarks were published.

Mr Baker has emerged as the undisputed architect of the US economic response since the market crash. He leads the White House team that is attempting to negotiate a deficit-reduction programme with Congressional leaders; convinced President Reagan to agree to discuss a tax increase and it will be up to him to persuade Mr Reagan to accept any new taxes that emerge from the talks. He also heads the Administration's effort to prevent the passage of protectionist legislation which could further destabilize financial markets.

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Treasury officials said yesterday they believed a deficit reduction agreement with Congress was still possible, despite the slow pace of the talks and the gloomy reports from top officials. Mr James Wright, the House Speaker, said he intended to move forward with a bipartisan plan to reduce the deficit if the talks collapsed.

Questions were raised over whether Mr Baker would be able to convince Mr Alan Greenspan, the Fed chairman, to continue supplying the liquidity to avoid a recession. Mr Greenspan's determination to fight inflation may prove to be an obstacle, despite his ready agreement after the market crash to supply the system with ample liquidity.

Both officials are in agreement that the US must achieve a deficit-reduction agreement that can be used as leverage to force West Germany and Japan to stimulate their economies through lower interest rates.

Eurotunnel confident of finding underwriters

By Joe Joseph

Eurotunnel, which is seeking £750 million from equity investors this month to complete financing for its planned rail tunnel, says it expects no difficulty underwriting the issue – despite the jitters in the stock market and the bruises many City institutions are nursing after the BP sale.

Mr Bob Boas, a director of SG Warburg, the merchant bank advising the Anglo-French consortium on the November 16 flotation, said many big British institutions who voiced interest in backing the project early last month reaffirmed their interest when contacted again after stock prices crumbled.

Mr Boas added that about 500,000 private investors had also contacted a special share information office to express interest in the equity sale.

Eurotunnel entered the final leg of its financing programme yesterday when it published a pathfinder prospectus. This predicted that it will capture almost half of cross-Channel passenger traffic and 17 per cent of cross-Channel freight traffic by the time the tunnel opens in 1993.

Mr Alastair Morton, Eurotunnel's British co-chairman, described the heavily trailed document as "the most detailed and thoroughly researched prospectus I have ever seen. I believe we have an exciting project and an attractive investment opportunity."

The prospectus predicts that shareholders – who will receive a range of travel perks together with share warrants that will enable them to boost their holdings by 10 per cent at advantageous prices – can expect dividends of 39p a share in 1994, the first year for which shareholders will receive a payment.

These will rise to £1.46 in 2003, £14.44 in 2033 and £22.88 in 2041, just before Eurotunnel's operating concession expires. There will be no dividend payments during construction of the £4.87 billion twin-bore tunnel.

On the assumed issue price of £3.50, the gross dividend yield over the life of the project is pegged at 17.7 per cent a year.



On track: Eurotunnel co-chairmen Alastair Morton (left) and André Bénard at yesterday's prospectus launch

The success of the share offering is the final and crucial phase of Eurotunnel's fund-raising plans. On Wednesday, the Anglo-French consortium signed a £5 billion loan agreement with 198 international banks. But this money will only be released if all the equity finds a home.

The travel perks being offered to investors are Eurotunnel's main marketing carrot, aimed at calming the stock market jitters of potential investors. These range from a free return car trip for those who buy 100 shares to unlimited free use of the tunnel for those who buy 1,500.

By 1994, Eurotunnel is expecting half its revenue to come from operating shuttle services. Payments for use of the tunnel by the British and French railways will contribute a further 41 per cent to revenues.

Turnover is predicted to climb from £488 million in 1993 to £1.59 billion in 2003 and £17.82 billion in 2041, producing taxable profits in those years of £70 million, £927 million and £14.45 billion, respectively.

SE puts dealing limit on brokers

By Lawrence Lever

The Stock Exchange has restricted the dealing activities of three stockbroking firms because of their settlement backlogs and told about four others that they are under threat of restriction.

The move was taken following close monitoring of 42 Stock Exchange member firms considered the worst offenders in the settlement crisis by the Stock Exchange's settlement task force.

The Exchange said the restrictions were related purely to the settlement issue and were not triggered by the collapse of the stock market.

Last month it drew up a shortlist of nine member firms out of the 42 worst offenders and, following discussions with each, decided to impose restrictions on three.

The three firms, which the Exchange has refused to name publicly, have been given individual limits on the number of bargains which they can transact in any one account period. The limits will apply until the Exchange considers they have satisfactorily cleared their outstanding bargains.

The Exchange has also told about four other firms on the shortlist of nine, that restrictions will not be imposed on them "for the time being." It will continue to monitor them and may restrict their activities if their settlement position fails to improve.

Apart from the settlement issue the Exchange has been taking a closer look at the capital adequacy position of those member firms who are market-makers or who take stock on their own books – such as broker dealers.

The Exchange has demanded daily reports on their capital position from these firms rather than the usual fortnightly bulletins. At least two are believed to have been told that they required more capital to be injected to satisfy the Exchange's capital adequacy rules.

Bid for Berisford cleared

By Alison Eadie

Associated British Foods' £767 million bid for S&W Berisford was cleared by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, Lord Young of Graffham, yesterday on the recommendation of the Office of Fair Trading.

The clearance came despite the fact that Berisford's subsidiary, British Sugar, has 55 per cent of the domestic sugar market. A referral to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission is usually made if a monopoly is to change hands. The MMC, however, spent several months last year looking at rival bids from Tate & Lyle and Ferruzzi for S&W Berisford.

Yesterday was the first closing date of ABF's bid for Berisford. It will announce its acceptance levels today. The Berisford directors, including the American Pritzker brothers, have not accepted the offer. They account for 20 per cent of Berisford's equity.

Berisford shares fell a further 8p yesterday to 265p, against a cash offer price from ABF of 400p.

Adsteam buys 4.7% of CU

By Our City Staff

Commercial Union, one of Britain's largest insurance companies, went on to bid alert last night after revealing that a big stake had been bought by Adelaide Steamship Company, the aggressive Australian group.

The insurance company said it understood that 19.9 million shares – worth more than £60 million – had been acquired through a network of 17 different nominee companies ultimately owned by Adelaide Steamship (Adsteam).

Adsteam has also picked up a significant holding in another big insurer, Royal. But analysts last night said the Australian group had almost certainly lost heavily on its involvement in the companies since the market collapse.

"If Adsteam does not bid, the prospect of two large stakes being unloaded could hit the share price badly," said one analyst.

Mr Peter Foster, CU's group financial controller, said: "We welcome long-term investors but we would like to know what their intentions are."

He said a careful check on the company's share register had thrown up the mystery nominee companies which had been buying shares over the past few weeks when CU's share price suffered from the stock market collapse.

"We have now written to Adelaide Steamship asking them for information about their purchases," he said. The 4.7 per cent stake makes the Australian group one of the largest shareholders in CU.

Last night, CU's shares jumped 20p to 312p.

Adsteam, run by Mr John Spalvin, is one of Australia's 20 largest companies, worth more than £500 million.

Bank can buy all BP shares

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

The Bank of England is prepared to buy back all the 2.194 million shares sold during the disposal by the Government of its 31.5 per cent holding in the company.

The 270,000 small investors who bought shares at the offer price of 330p, 120p on a partly paid basis, and the underwriting institutions who were left with the bulk of the shares, will be able to sell them to the Bank for a guaranteed 70p a share, which compares with last night's price of 79.5p for the partly-paid shares.

The offer will start tomorrow and lapse at the earliest on December 11 or by January 6. Five days' notice will be given of the cut-off point.

The Bank will carry the full cost of the stamp duty involved in the transaction and will make no dealing charge. The buy-back scheme was announced a week ago by the Chancellor in an attempt to placate the large overseas institutions who had underwritten the partly-paid shares at 120p and who stood to face losses of more than £500 m.

The Bank has calculated that it would be more advantageous for the small investor who took about 100 shares to sell to the Bank rather than through the market, because they would avoid dealing costs of approximately 20p a share.

Poorer Storehouse chief still snubs Benlox

Conran sets no store by offer

By Cliff Feltham

For a man whose personal wealth has plunged by £62 million in the stock market crash, Sir Terence Conran, chairman of the Storehouse retailing group, was showing no signs of strain yesterday. He appeared to be suffering more discomfort from a cold than from witnessing the slump in value of his Storehouse stake from £130 million to £68 million.

"It is only paper," he said, admitting not even a twinge of remorse at giving the cold shoulder to an offer of 445p from the Mountleigh property group. That was six weeks and nearly 700 points on the FT-SE 100 index ago. Now Storehouse shares are worth just 235p.

Whether other shareholders in Storehouse are as phlegmatic at missing an opportunity to cash in their chips is unclear because Mountleigh walked away after its offer was turned down.

Now, however, they are being asked to pass judgement on the latest contender to run the high street group, the tiny engineering group Benlox, whose hostile bid quickly followed Mountleigh's retirement.

Yesterday, Sir Terence launched Storehouse's official defence to the audacious takeover bid, spelling out once again his strategy for moulding together the BHS, Richards, Mothercare and Habitat conglomerate.

"People have asked what I feel about seeing the value of my personal worth go down like this but I tell them that isn't what is important to me. What is important is running this business and making it successful," he said.



Sir Terence: no regrets about losses

Sir Terence may have wished he could ignore the cheeky offer from Benlox, put together by the mini merchant bank Ifincorp Earl, but admits it has to be taken seriously. One important reason for treating the all-share offer with respect is the presence in the background of theEgyptian financier, Dr Ashraf Marwan, who has been buying Storehouse shares.

Storehouse lets off some timely fireworks at the Benlox bid, describing its proposals to break up the group into six different businesses, as "threadbare" and Benlox's financial record as "appalling."

The Storehouse document says: "Benlox has failed to demonstrate that breaking up Storehouse is anything more than a speculative proposal for the benefit of Benlox and its suporters, reportedly dreamt up over lunch a mere 48 hours before the offer was announced.

"Benlox's proposals are ill-thought-out and carry enormous risks for shareholders. Benlox concedes in its offer document that it does not yet know itself how they could be implemented.

"Storehouse would be run by a Benlox management which appears to have no experience whatever of retailing, nor the ability to manage a business the size of Storehouse. The Storehouse business, and, therefore, your own investment, would risk irreparable damage under their control," shareholders are told.

Sir Terence and his team are also hopping mad at the time and expense of having to defend the bid. Yesterday, Mr Jim Power, the finance director, suggested the City should introduce rules to force an aggressor to pay the defence costs if its bid is unsuccessful.

Last night, an aggrieved Mr Peter Earl, whose bank is advising Benlox, said he could not answer the accusations. "They haven't had the courtesy to send a copy to me, which is also against the takeover rules," he said.

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STOCK MARKET

Shares rally after US base rate cut

By Michael Clark and Geoffrey Foster

News of the latest quarter-point cut in US prime rates to 8¾ per cent and a softening of West Germany's economic policy enabled share prices to enjoy a much needed rally yesterday.

The FT-SE 100 index made a hesitant start and at one stage dipped below the important 1,600 level with a fall of more than 30 points. But it rallied, helped by a firm opening on Wall Street, and eventually closed 30.7 up at 1,638.8.

The narrower FT 30-share index also recovered from a 15.1 fall to finish 32.3 up at 1,287.9.

Dealers reported a few sellers early in the day. Some unit trust managers were forced to sell stock to raise cash for redemptions. But most of it was absorbed as prices started to recover.

Conditions were still thin, however, particularly among the quality shares. The firmer start to trading in New York, despite the falling dollar, also encouraged investors to test the water.

Market men were cheered by the Chancellor's Mansion House speech and are hoping that a solution will be found to reduce the US budget deficit. Conditions are likely to remain volatile until then.

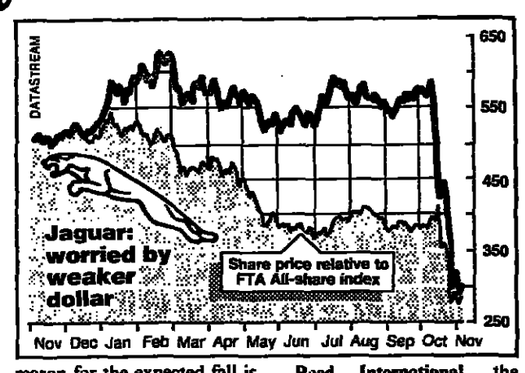
International shares, which have been hard hit by the slide in the dollar, repaired some of their losses. **Imperial Chemical Industries** firmed 24p to £10.42. **BAT Industries** 9p to 434p and **BOC Group** 14p to 323p. Even the **BP** new shares finished 2½p better at 79½p as 112 million shares changed hands. The **BP** ordinary shares rallied 5p to 251p.

Government securities were chased even higher with gains stretching to almost £2 at the longer end, after news of the prime rate cuts in the US. Hopes are high that another cut in domestic base rates may be on the way.

Jaguar, the car manufacturer, was a dull market, sliding another 9p to 279p on turnover of almost 3.5 million shares amid continued worries about the weaker dollar.

● Kennedy Brookes, the hotels to restaurants group, staged a strong recovery, closing 17p higher at 265p. Dealers believe the shares have been oversold and expect a recovery back to above the £3 level. It is also hoped that Mecca, said to hold 3 per cent, will soon launch a full bid.

Mr Bob Barber, analyst at James Capel, the broker, believes pretax profits at Jaguar in the current year are likely to be only marginally above £100 million, compared with £121 million last time. The main reason for the expected fall is the higher launch costs in the US and lower production levels, which have since been made up over the summer months.



Mr Barber expects a significant recovery in profits next year, to about £130 million. The real effect on profits, as a result of the falling dollar, will not be felt for another couple of years because of the group's policy of buying its currency 18 months in advance. Mr Barber says when using current rates of exchange, profits in 1989 are likely to be only in the region of £110 million.

"If the dollar continues to fall, there is scope for further reductions," he says. But he was impressed with the group's production levels, which he estimates will continue to grow at 14 per cent a year.

Reed International, the publishing, paper and packaging conglomerate, fell another 15p to 325p in continued response to fears about the organizations's exposure to the American economy.

The group exceeded expectations on Wednesday by reporting a 37 per cent increase in interim profits to £110 million, but even those impressive figures have failed to arrest the decline in the share price, which has fallen from a pre-crash level of 630p.

The company has undergone extensive restructuring in the past six months, which has seen the disposal of its paint and do-it-yourself business and the £540 million acquisition of the Octopus Publishing Group.

But the fact that North American businesses accounted for well over one-third of trading profits during the first half has made analysts particularly wary about the effects that a declining dollar and economy will have on Reed's future performance.

The shares have a long way to go before they retrace the heady level of £6-plus, when they were attracting considerable speculative attention on hopes that Mr Rupert Murdoch's The News Corporation would build on its 2 per cent stake in the group.

Ladbroke, the hotels, betting and property group, lost 16p to 298p as 2.3 million shares changed hands. As had been expected, the £254 million rights issue, called in connection with the £1 billion issue price against the current market quote of about 300p.

● Shares of Glaxo, the pharmaceuticals group, moved up by 13p to £10.33. Morgan Stanley, the American broker, recommends them as analysts point out that drug companies always perform well in bear markets and Glaxo is in very good health all round.

The issue was Ladbroke's second call for shareholders' cash this year. At the time it was called, the share price stood pretty at 439p and the rights price represented a near 14 per cent discount.

Shares of **Storehouse** — the BHS, Habitat Mothercare, Heal's and Richards retailer — recovered 8p more to 236p as Sir Terence Conran, the chairman, attacked the audacious, all-paper offer from Benlox in a formal defence which was posted to shareholders yesterday.

His comments, however, will not impress some shareholders who have watched the value of Storehouse shares fall 47 per cent since Sir Terence rejected a 445p per share from Mountleigh, the property group, in September.

Elsewhere in the stores sector, leading retailers responded to the move towards cheaper credit, hopeful that it would provide a fillip to consumer spending over the Christmas period.

Appletree, the snack foods maker and fresh produce supplier where Mr John Gunn's British & Commonwealth Holdings has a 24 per cent stake, dropped 25p to 135p as the chairman issued a profits warning ahead of next January's annual figures.

purchase of the Hilton hotel chain from the American group Allegis Corporation, was a flop.

Only 2 per cent of the issue was taken up and the rest of the group's shareholders gave it the cold shoulder, unwilling to fork out the 378p per share

TEMPUS

Pure Westbury well positioned

Believe it or not, Westbury is Britain's largest quoted housebuilder. The dozen or so better-known names all do something else as well. They think a spread of business protects them in a downturn.

Thus Westbury should be feeling unsettled at the moment as the pundits say the bottom is about to fall out of the housing market. Yet the company is suprisingly sanguine.

Half its 2,000-plus unit sales are to first-time buyers, benefiting from falling mortgage rates and rising disposable incomes. They will be among the last to suffer in an economic downturn.

It is the top of the market, held up by the extravagant South-eastern salaries, which looks vulnerable. Westbury, with an average selling price of £48,000, is not in this league. Moreover, its geographical spread — southwards from The Wash but omitting the South-eastern corner — protects it from the most exposed region.

But it is not complacent. Despite a sound half-year, when volumes moved up 35 per cent to 1,116 units — 179 of which came from the Salvesen business — a careful watch is being mounted on current trends.

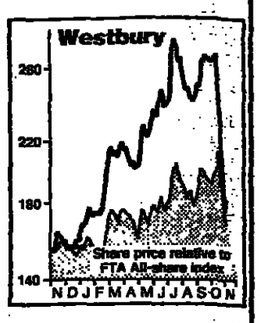
As yet there has been no sign of diminishing confidence; in fact demand is even firmer than earlier in the year. But it is early days.

Margins have widened and the pretax profit per unit is £4,500, well up on last year. There is scope to improve on this.

Land purchasing remains a priority. The group has a 2½-year land bank with planning permission, and much the same again under option. In the first half, Westbury spent £9.7 million on 900 plots, representing less than 25 per cent of selling prices, half what many South-eastern competitors are reputedly paying.

It should make at least £13 million this year.

The p-e, seven times prospective earnings, limits the downside.



Windsmoor

Windsmoor's shares took a long time to settle above the 106p placing price of July last year. They reached a high of 142p this summer only to fall victim to the stock market fall and were unmoved yesterday at 90p.

Pretax profits, up 12.6 per cent, were held back by a 58 per cent increase in the interest charge to £365,000, caused by financing higher stock levels. The company is reducing its stock investment and expects interest costs to fall next year.

Operating profits rose 20.7 per cent on a 15.6 per cent growth in sales. In the present half year, August and September sales were steady and sales last month bounced up 23 per cent.

The company has plenty of plans in the pipeline. The first two Windsmoor shops will open early next year and another six could follow by the end of that year. Windsmoor plans to launch a limited chain of Windsmoor and Planet shops in areas which will not compete with the 590 in-store concessions.

Golden Rifle, the joint venture marketing Italian casualwear, is trading from two stores but should have up to 24 stores by the end of 1988.

Finally, Windsmoor is bringing out a new range for the smaller woman which will be in 35 concessions by next autumn. The new ventures are all at early stages, so it remains a case of wait and see on whether they turn out to be money spinners.

Lighting the way

Ten thousand times a day a hospital or laboratory somewhere needs a new piece of electronic equipment and calls on RS Components.

Every year RS improves its product range, every year the demand increases. But it is no longer rising fast enough to keep Electrocomponents, the parent group, growing at the pace to which it has become accustomed. Electrocomponents is beginning to turn in performances as dull as its name.

Interim profits up 13 per cent at £20.5 million set the group well on the way to £47 million or so for the full year, annual growth of about 16 per cent. That is dull in historical terms.

While criticism may seem churlish, given the group's proven ability to grow when the industry is in recession, the board itself is aware of the need for fresh legs to take up the running.

Hence the arrival of WM Lighting at the beginning of the year, and now the acquisition of Misco. WM took the group into retail lighting. Misco opens up the computer supplies sector, two markets which are expanding faster than that of RS. At the same time, of course, they erode the group's dependence on its traditional business, although RS will still account for more than 80 per cent of sales.

A recession would cause spending on new household lighting to flicker and may well brake the growth in the mail order supply of computer products to commerce and industry. But in a recession, there is RS to fall back on.

The new businesses, both acquired and in prospect, improve the group's potential. If the looming world crisis can be averted, they should begin to make an impact next year.

Propeller to join Third Market

Despite the stock market's instability, Propeller, a London men's leisure and casual wear manufacturer, which has agencies in Hong Kong, India and Portugal, has announced its intention of joining the Third Market.

Propeller was the jewel in the Tern Group, taken over by Mr Mike Keen's Corton Beach in 1985. Mr Keen has sold the company's traditional shirt and allied business to concentrate on Propeller's profitable casual wear side.

In the year to the end of last January, sales grew to £5 million with pretax profits of £300.000. Directors are forecasting profits to January 31 1988 of not less than £400,000.

The group is expanding into formal shirts, tee and sweat shirts and plans to introduce sweaters during 1988.

Heseltine Moss, the broker, will be placing 3.3 million shares at 45p each to raise £1.5 million, valuing Propeller at £5.5 million. The original intention was to raise £3.5 million by placing shares at 55p per share. Trading in the shares are scheduled to start on the Third Market on November 19.

Sapphire profit

Sapphire Petroleum reported a pretax profit of £27.000 for the six months to June 30 against a loss of £450.000 in the comparable half year. Turnover fell to £319,000 against £516.000 last time. The company is again missing out the dividend.

Rutland purchase

Rutland Trust has agreed to acquire 75 per cent of Atticus Financial Services Group, a firm of independent financial advisers, in a cash and shares deal as part of the regional expansion of its existing insurance broking activities.

Molex quarter

Pretax income of Molex Inc rose from $19.24 million to $24.16 million (£14.5 million) in the first quarter to September 30. Net revenue expanded to $112.16 million ($92.96 million). Earnings per share were 50 cents (43 cents). Molex's order backlog at September 30 was $94.8 million, up from $66.1 million a year ago.

Payment up

Securities Trust of Scotland is paying an interim dividend of 1.2p (1p) for the half-year to September 30. Pretax profit reached £4.69 million (£3.58 million). Earnings per share were 2.04p (1.53p). The directors expect to be able to recommend a total distribution for the full year of 3.60p (3.00p). The trust enjoys strong defensive qualities with its policy of investing for dividend growth, the board reports. It had about £22 million in cash at September 30 and holdings spread over 124 companies in six countries.

Blanchards

Sir John Figgess, the chairman and Mr Alexander Aldbrook, the managing director, say in Blanchards' annual report that the directors view the future of the group with confidence and enthusiasm. They expect to report greatly improved results for the current year as a whole, although this will not be reflected at the interim stage.

Martin Shelton

Martin Shelton is buying wirebinding equipment for £76.000 in cash. The machine will be used to produce a range of high-quality calendars for 1989 and no effect will result from this purchase for the year to March 31 next.

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Rover accelerates with 15.8% share of market

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Rover Group, the British car manufacturer, pushed its share of the British new car market to 15.8 per cent in October, a recovery to levels earlier in the year before its share dropped to 13.1 per cent in September, its lowest level for two-and-a-half years.

At the same time, Ford's market share plunged to 25.61 per cent from the September level of 32.57 per cent as increases were registered also by General Motors-Vauxhall, Nissan, Audi-Volkswagen, Volvo and Fiat-Alfa Romeo-Lancia.

This picture of changing fortunes emerged yesterday in the latest returns from the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT) which also showed that Rover in October had three models, compared with only one the previous month, among the top 10 bestsellers.

As well as its Metro, Rover was also back in the bestseller list with the Montego and the Rover 200.

New car sales continued on a rising trend in October when the total registrations were 144,054, an increase of 8.24 per cent compared with the same month last year. September had seen a rise of a fifth.

The sales for the first 10 months of the year are now 6.34 per cent ahead of the same period last year.

The British makers' share of the market is still close to half, imported cars in October having taken 51.84 per cent of the market, compared with 54.51 per cent 12 months before.

But Nissan's Sunderland output is still classified by the SMMT as imported until a 60 per cent level of local content in manufacturing is achieved.

Compared with September, General Motors-Vauxhall improved its market share in October to 10.02 per cent, up from 9.28 per cent. But hard on its heels, the threat from Peugeot-Citroen fell back from September's 8.28 per cent to 7.75 per cent last month.

Japanese penetration of the British market stood at 10.33 per cent in October, compared with 13.27 per cent in the same month last year and 9.69 per cent for the first 10 months of this year.

Nissan's market share during last month was 7.16 per cent, a rise of almost one full percentage point over the previous month.

There were modest market share improvements compared with their September positions by Audi-Volkswagen (5.81 per cent in October), Volvo (3.33 per cent) and the Fiat group (3.56 per cent).

Renault's market share, which stood at 4.46 per cent in September, dropped back in October to 2.95 per cent.

Ladbroke £254m cash call flops

By Cliff Feltham

The stock market crash claimed another casualty yesterday when Ladbroke, the betting and hotels group, announced that its £254 million rights issue had flopped badly.

Shareholders cold shouldered the chance of buying new shares at 378p as the existing shares continued to dive, ending at 298p yesterday, down 16p on the day.

Only 2.2 per cent of the new shares were taken up, leaving the balance in the hands of underwriters, thus adding to the bill facing the City, which is still smarting from the collapse of the BP issue.

The flop means only the brave or the foolhardy are likely to raise finance from shareholders during the present precarious conditions.

Ladbroke launched the rights issue to help pay for the £645 million takeover of the Hilton International hotel chain.

A Ladbroke spokesman said: "In the market conditions the outcome was inevitable."

A question mark also hangs over the outcome of the £143 million cash call by Kleinwort Benson, the merchant banker, which closed yesterday. The existing shares stood at 425p against a price of 450p for the new shares.

"We hope to have a better turn-out than Ladbroke and our share price has held up better over the past two-and-a-half weeks than many others'," said the bank, which needs the money to increase its capital base and compete in the securities markets.

Family holdings, speaking for 30 per cent of the bank, are expected to take up most of their rights although some are understood to have been placed with Sumitomo Life, the Japanese institution keen to gain a foothold in the British securities industry.

The casualty list among companies engaged in fund raising during the market fallout includes Heywood Williams, the glass specialist, which saw just 4.3 per cent of its £29 million issue taken up.

Daks lifts payout after leap of 27%

By Alison Eadie

Daks Simpson Group, the clothes manufacturer and owner of Simpson in Piccadilly, yesterday announced a 27 per cent increase in pretax profit to £4.9 million in the year to the end of July. Turnover rose 7.3 per cent to £50.3 million.

The final dividend was raised to 6.35p, making a total 8.6p against 7p the previous year.

The group's increased profitability was partly due to greater efficiency from the Glasgow manufacturing base.

Moving the rainwear and leisurewear division from Newton Abbot in Devon to Glasgow also made an impact.

The company believes its Glasgow factory to be the finest clothing factory in Europe.

The spread of the group's activities between manufacturing, contract manufacturing for Marks and Spencer, and retailing stayed the same as the previous year.

The proportion of exports, at 36 per cent of sales, was also unchanged.

Further Daks franchises have been opened abroad and a total of eight now trade out of Munich, Hong Kong (two), Paris, Geneva, Hamburg, Athens and Tokyo.

The company has plans for more.

Simpson in Piccadilly has seen a wide spread of foreign visitors, including Japanese, Scandinavians and returning Argentinians.



Sir Thomas: invited to serve another three-year term

Bank of Scotland asks governor Risk to stay

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Sir Thomas Risk has been invited by the Bank of Scotland to remain governor for a further three years.

His reappointment will have to be ratified by shareholders at the general meeting next May.

Sir Thomas took over as governor in 1979 with an agreement to step down at the general meeting following his 65th birthday. The bank has asked him to stay on now as he is due to reach that age soon.

His tenure of the governorship had been relatively low key until last year when Sir Thomas reluctantly became embroiled in the Guinness affair.

Before Guinness, the drinks group, took over Distillers, it bowed to pressure from the Scottish commercial lobby and agreed to appoint Sir Thomas as non-executive chairman of the combined group. That would have ensured a valuable Scottish representation on the board.

Soon after the bid was completed, however, Mr Ernest Saunders, chief executive of Guinness, decided that he himself should become chairman of the combined group.

Goldberg profits jump by 56%

By Michael Tate

The Glasgow clothes group, A Goldberg, lifted profits by 56 per cent to £724,000 in the six months to end-September and continues to look bright. The interim dividend rises by 15 per cent to 1.32p a share.

Goldberg runs the rapidly-expanding Wrygges and Wrygges Man chains. They turned in another strong performance, says the chairman, Mr Mark Goldberg, who plans to turn Wrygges into a national network.

It already extends into North-west England, and there are plans to open at Newcastle, the West Midlands, Canterbury and Maidstone.

Mr Goldberg says Schuh, the newly-acquired footwear business, has made a flying start. Schuh shop-in-shops have been opened in many of the Wrygges stores.

Turnover at the 16 Goldberg stores fell as the group continues to abandon its non-clothing sales to concetrate on mainstream women's fashion.

Interims rise at Gieves

Gieves Group, the Savile Row tailors to motor retailing company, yesterday announced pretax profits of £703,000 for the half-year to July 31, against £444,000 last year.

Turnover increased from £18.9 million to £21.4 million. Earnings per share rose from 3.4p to 4.5p and interim dividend from 1.2p to 1.5p.

Trading profits increased in the tailors and book manufacturing divisions but fell back from £241,000 to £211,000 on the publishers and library suppliers side.

Mr Michael Keeling, chairman, described the figures as "a good start."

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

Gilt-edged thrive in a cooler climate

With a frost of recession in the air and a broken dollar needing crutches, interest rates are falling and in consequence gilts are rising. And the gilt on the fixed interest gingerbread does not end with lower rates. Nigel Lawson may have failed so far to put life back into ordinary shares with his spirited autumn pronouncements but among the bond dealers the Chancellor has a host of friends.

So far this week, the market has had three bits of good news thrown at them. There was the vision of a £1 billion public sector borrowing requirement stretching out into the indefinite future, conjured in the Autumn Statement. There was the base rate cut from 9.5 to 9 per cent on Wednesday and, at the Mansion House later that evening, an explicit promise from the Chancellor that he will not be force funding.

This change of funding tactics, which Mr Lawson underplayed, was foreshadowed here on Wednesday. Intervention to support the dollar and hold down sterling will be "sterilized" (matching the scale of intervention in foreign exchange markets with sales of gilts so that the flows of money across the exchanges has no effect on the money supply); but sterilized only "over time" and not necessarily within the financial year in which the intervention takes place. And the Chancellor will not be draining liquidity from the markets on a major scale as long as the present delicate market conditions continue.

The Chancellor's admission, albeit belated, that successful intervention has to be "unsterilized" is right. When the Bank of England is buying foreign currencies on the scale of the $6.7 billion October rise in the reserves, the gilt market cannot be expected to pick up the pieces.

Pragmatism in monetary policy has logically been followed by pragmatism on funding policy. The gilt market opened a point higher yesterday, moved up further during the day, only to be pulled down a little at the close. The 03/07 stock ended the day with its initial one point gain, mainly because of the equity market's modest recovery.

The gilt market could continue its revival on domestic economic news, and the supply-demand situation for stock. The big concern, and it is one that gathers strength each time the dollar plumbs a new low, is that a collapse in the US bond market might drag down gilts.

Meanwhile in New York buying proceeds in a state of blissful optimism, or possibly ignorance. The yield on the 30-year bond fell from 8.97 to 8.8 per cent yesterday, even as the dollar was tumbling to DM1.67 and Y134. Sterling, in an echo of 1980-81, rose above $1.78 and seems sure to break through $1.80.

Sooner rather than later, the US bond market will have to respond to the dollar's weakness. The best hope for the gilt market is that, unlike equities, the world's bond markets move independently of one another. Will gilts be decoupled from US bonds? That is the question...

Baker's dollar death wish

The West Germans provided a new pledge of their willingness to support the dollar by cutting interest rates yesterday. Although the more important discount rate remained unchanged, the Bundesbank cut its Lombard rate from 5 to 4½ per cent.

The gesture unfortunately was about as effective as a pea-shooter against a charging elephant. While interest rates were coming down in West Germany, US banks also cut their prime rates from 9 per cent to 8¾ per cent, thereby narrowing the differential which the West Germans were opening up. Worse, the US Treasury Secretary, James Baker, indicated unequivocally in an interview in the *Wall Street Journal* that the Reagan administration was determined to avoid a recession, even at the risk of a collapsing dollar.

The markets promptly responded to this latest Bakerism by selling the dollar down to new post-war lows, with the US currency closing in London nearly 3 pfennigs lower at DM1.6820 and falling further in New York.

In his speech at Mansion House on Wednesday, the Chancellor looked forward to a strengthening of the Louvre Accord when and if the US reached agreement on cutting its budget deficit. Agreement on that, he said, could be made part of a wider international accord involving, among other things, a reduction in interest rates. Judging by the level of international co-operation displayed yesterday, that is a very long way off.

More effective was co-ordination among members of the European Monetary System, where France took the opportunity to raise its money market intervention rate from 7½ per cent to 8¼ per cent at the same time as Germany was cutting its Lombard rate, thus doubling the impact. The widening of the interest rate differential between the two main EMS currencies should, for the time being, help to relieve strains within the EMS which a weak dollar habitually causes by the flight of money into marks.

The British contribution to dollar stability the previous day of a half-point cut in base rates did little for the US currency in view of the pressure. The pound closed 3.10 cents up at $1.7815, with the effective exchange rate up 0.3 at 75.3.

US company takes over newspapers

Control of The Birmingham Post & Mail Ltd and *Coventry Evening Telegraph* is being bought by Ingersoll Publications Company of the US in a deal worth more than £60 million.

It is the first phase in a link between the Iliffe and Ingersoll newspaper publishing families that is likely to see joint investments in other newspaper businesses in Britain and America.

Mr Robert Iliffe, chairman of Yattendon Investment Trust, which controls the Iliffe family businesses, including newspapers at Cambridge, Burton and Falmouth, said Yattendon intended to join forces with Ingersoll.

This would involve Ingersoll investing more than £60 million to acquire control of Yattendon's Birmingham and Coventry papers.

Mr Iliffe said it ensured the future of the papers and heralded "a new publishing partnership."

Mr Ralph Ingersoll, chairman of the US company, which has 38 daily papers and more than 150 weekly titles in the US, said he intended to "invest heavily" in the Midlands newspapers.

Spending on promotion and re-equipping the press hall in Birmingham is expected, involving about £20 million for new offset colour presses for The Birmingham Post & Mail.

Mr Ingersoll said he intended to establish a British holding company for his newspapers here. Mr Iliffe, Mr Tim Morris, chairman of The Birmingham Post & Mail, and Mr Geoffrey Battman, Yattendon's finance director, would serve on its board.

Mr Morris hinted that the companies would be interested in buying other regional newspaper businesses.

He is to remain chairman of The Birmingham Post & Mail and take on the chairmanship of Coventry Newspapers. He will remain responsible for Yattendon's other publishing interests.

The companies said they realized their style of management and their concern to ensure that the newspapers reflected the communities they served were very similar. This had led to the decision to work together.

Mr Morris described the deal as "very good news" for the companies, readers, advertisers and staff.

From Mammon to God

The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away — and because he has taken so much away in the stock market crash, one clergyman Down Under, in an opulent Melbourne suburb, is working overtime to console his stockbroker-belt flock. He has apparently been tailoring sermons to the crash. The Scots-born Rev Dr James Donaldson, a minister of the United Church, says: "Let's just say I've been coming at the crash from a Christian point of view. I am trying to tell my congregation that they are of value as human beings despite their financial losses. Don't base your self-esteem and identity on material possessions. If they have halved their fortunes, have they halved their worth as people?" Members of Dr Donaldson's congregation include Australian stock exchange chairman Ian Roach, who has been giving talks about the human side of the crash at monthly business breakfasts organized by the church. Dr Donaldson says the breakfasts were started to allow the Church to play a role in people's lives — "which very much means their commercial lives," he says.

Kitchen cash

Smallbone is not as dependent on yuppies for its sales as it might appear; its customer base is widening. The newly opened Manhattan showroom took an order for a $120,000 traditional pine kitchen from a man rumoured to be one of New York's Mafia bosses. The man tried to pay for the kitchen in cash, but the salesman could not think how to transport such a large amount of money and refused. But not wanting to deter the eager client, he agreed to accept $40,000 in cash.



"Don't ask him if he's betting with Ladbroke's — he's an underwriter"

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Tunnelling to time

Investors wondering whether to invest in the new tunnel being built under the Channel may not have to worry about the project running over time. In the run-up to Eurotunnel's £750 million share float later this month, the Anglo-French consortium has not only met its timetable but often bettered it. Yesterday the UK half glumly went ahead and launched the pathfinder prospectus in London, a day after their French partners had blurted out the spicier details in Paris. Current betting is that the tunnel will be built on time, but that the French will again steal a march over the Brits by opening their side one day earlier.

Crib notes

Well-timed words of advice from an American relaxation expert on how to cope with executive stress. For all those tensed-up stockbrokers out there, apparently all you need to do is wiggle your right arm, wiggle your left arm, wiggle your right leg, wiggle your left leg and then — laughing if you like — say "Eeeee, aaaaah, blup, blup, blup, blup, blup, la, la, la, la, la." After making these, which are supposed to be "baby sounds," executives apparently start to loosen up, relax and laugh at themselves. I should think it works without fail every time.

● **Our distinguisghed contemporary, *The Professional Nurse*, aimed at nurses working in large offices and factories, advertises a study day on pain — to be held at London Zoo. In the light of the magazine's claim to "introduce you to new health care developments," what can it all mean?**

Firm on accounting

Gordon Anderson, the new chairman at Arthur Young, is an unassuming Scot who still seems to be amazed that he was ever offered a partnership in what is now one of the "big eight" accountancy firms. He recalls that after two years' national service in the Royal Navy, he returned as a senior assistant to the Glasgow firm where he qualified, Moores Carson and Watson as it then was, in 1957. "Auditors," he says, "get a unique insight into how companies operate" and as a young man he made up his mind to use this knowledge to find himself another job. However, all that he learned was that he did not want to work for a company in the heavy industry sector in a remote part of North Lanarkshire where it was always raining. So he accepted the offer of a partnership with alacrity and went on to become managing partner of Arthur Young's Glasgow office. He served as president of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland in the 1986-87 term, and his new appointment as chairman of Arthur Young runs from November 1. Anderson is taking the helm at a rather controversial time. The accountants' time-honoured methods of doing things are being challenged both by the European Economic Community and Britain's own Financial Services Act. On one of the most controversial subjects, incorporation, Anderson declares himself to be strongly in favour, but he adds that he would be most reluctant to take outside shareholders.

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Bonn delays VW sell-off

From John England, Bonn

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Bond has 5% of Allied

From Our Correspondent, Sydney

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Bonn delays VW sell-off

From John England, Bonn

The West German government is postponing the privatization of its final 16 per cent stake in Volkswagen, due this month, because of the international stock market crash.

Spokesmen for Herr Gerhard Stoltenberg, the finance minister, said yesterday the deal had been held up in the light of developments on the stock market. But the shares would be sold as soon as possible "at a right price."

The announcement coincided with disclosure by the federal criminal bureau (BKA) in Wiesbaden that a Frankfurt foreign exchange dealer wanted for questioning in connection with the multi-million pound Volkswagen fraud affair was arrested in Los Angeles yesterday. Herr Hans Schmidt, aged 38, was detained by BKA and FBI agents in a Hollywood flat he had rented in the name of a Swiss friend, the BKA said.

The public prosecutor in Brunswick accused Herr Schmidt of involvement with several foreign exchange dealers within Volkswagen charged with defrauding the company of at least £160 million. He disappeared from Frankfurt on the same day Volkswagen disclosed the fraud.

The BKA said its business crime department had uncovered front companies and secret bank accounts operated by the ring in West Germany, Switzerland and Liechtenstein. So far about £6.6 million of the money had been traced.

US deficit 'did not cause crash'

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Two eminent economists from American universities, speaking in London this week, have questioned the almost universal view that the US budget was to blame for the stock market crash.

Professor Willem Buiter of Yale University, delivering an Employment Institute lecture at the London School of Economics last night, said the US fiscal deficit was not the root cause of the world's economic problems.

The US deficit, he said, was not out of line with that of other countries when defined on a comparable basis.

In particular, Professor Buiter said, when the federal, state and local deficits and surpluses were added together, the American general government deficit was exactly in line with the average of the other countries in the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development.

The low level of private savings, however, was a problem in the US, he added. Action in the US should focus on raising savings, with cutting the deficit very definitely a second-best solution.

Professor Buiter also said Britain and other European countries should adopt more expansionary fiscal and monetary policies, without waiting for action on the US deficit, to avoid a recession in Europe.

The autumn statement and the modest reduction in Britain's interest rates which followed it were not enough, and the planned policy of holding the public sector borrowing requirement to £1 billion next year was inappropriate in the light of the stock market crash.

The Prime Minister and the Chancellor should be increasing — not reducing — borrowing in next year's Budget.

Professor Buiter also urged European governments to act, in their own interests, to prevent the dollar from sliding.

Professor Robert Barro of Harvard University, said at the City University last night that there was no strong evidence to link the US budget deficit either with high real interest rates or the US current account deficit.

The key element of the Administration's effect on the economy was not the budget deficit, he said, but the level of government spending.

On this analysis, the favoured method of reducing the budget deficit — raising taxes in the United States — would be inappropriate. Professor Barro says the share price slide did not result from the US deficit but from the fear that government spending in the US could not be controlled.

His analysis of the effects of deficits on the economy derives from theories first put forward by David Ricardo, the English economist, as long ago as 1817.

This so-called Ricardian approach says a government's fiscal impact is summarized by the present value of its expenditure, and re-arrangements of the timing of taxes, in other words budget deficits, have no significant effect on the economy.

BUSINESS SUMMARY

MFI buyout 'will go ahead as planned'

Asda-MFI yesterday firmly scotched stock market speculation that there would be an adjustment in the terms for the £505 million buyout of the MFI furniture group before the deal was completed.

It said that both the debt and equity elements of the deal, which were fully underwritten at the time the buyout was announced, had already been sold down by the lead underwriters. Clearance from the Office of Fair Trading and approval of Asda-MFI shareholders had been obtained and the buyout would be completed on November 16 as planned.



Li raises oil stake to 14%

Cluff Oil, the USM-quoted mining to energy group, said Mr Li Ka-shing, the Hong Kong businessman, had lifted his stake in Cluff from 2 million to 6,050,000 shares, or 14.3 per cent. Cluff said the purchase "was made as a long-term personal investment" and with the full knowledge of Mr Algy Cluff (left), chairman.

Five Oaks dividend

Five Oaks Investments, the property development group, is paying a maiden dividend of 1p per share to its shareholders after a year in which pretax profits rose from £639,000 to £2.2 million. The board points out that profits for the previous year have been adjusted for a change in accounting policy for proceeds from the sale of investment properties.

The development programme was progressing according to plan and the investment portfolio, which was performing well under active management, produced a revaluation surplus of £546,000 during the year. About 70 per cent of the company's share capital is in institutional hands and the board looks forward to the next phase of the development programme with confidence.

Elders lifts Greene stake

Elders IXL, the Australian brewer of Fosters lager, has lifted its stake in the East Anglian brewer Greene King to 9.25 per cent. But the Greene King board, in a letter to shareholders, is still resisting moves to enter into trading tie-ups, saying that selling Elders' lagers "would not be in the commercial interest of Greene King".

Hanover up to £902,000

Hanover Druce, the property valuer and estate agent, made a first-half pretax profit of £902,000, compared with £768,000 previously. Turnover rose from £5.7 million to nearly £8 million. The board says the current half-year has had a good start, but it was too early to predict the effect on business of world financial turmoil.

Slump in dollar could hit Lloyd's earnings

By Alison Eadie

The slide in the value of the dollar could cause problems for Lloyd's insurance market, Mr Peter Miller, Lloyd's chairman, said yesterday. A hefty 80 per cent of Lloyd's business is done in dollars, half of which comes directly from North America.

Mr Miller said the dollar's fall was not necessarily an unmitigated disaster. Syndicates making underwriting losses on American business would now be making smaller losses in sterling terms, and could more easily cover those losses with sterling investment income.

The crash of the stock market will have much less effect on Lloyd's, Mr Miller said. The insurance market holds its trust funds in liquid form, mainly government bonds. The American trust fund, which holds all the US dollar premium income, was worth almost £7 billion at the end of last year.

Lloyd's will also not be affected immediately if names' wealth is eroded by the market crash. Most names give their deposits — half of the wealth they show to Lloyd's — through bank guarantees. It is, therefore, the banks that are at risk if the guarantee is based on equity portfolios.

The ruling council of Lloyd's insurance market this week approved changes to the disciplinary and new syndicate by-laws which incorporated nine of the recommendations made in the Neill report.

Some of the more important changes included providing names with additional information. Syndicate underwriters will now be required to give the anticipated result on the open years of account — Lloyd's syndicates account three years in arrears.

Underwriters will also have to give a breakdown of the type of business written, providing names with a more precise indication of the type of risk they are insuring.

They will also have to indicate the categories of risk yet to be written in the two years following the open years. Names would then be able to make an informed decision about continued participation in a syndicate.

Lloyd's council has now accepted 30 of the 70 recommendations made in the Neill report, published in January. At the time, Lloyd's informally agreed a two-year implementation timetable with the Government. Mr Miller said yesterday that Lloyd's was well on course for meeting that timetable.

A total of 13 further recommendations are at the consultative stage. So far, none of the Neill recommendations has been rejected.

Lloyd's also announced yesterday the imposition of 18-month suspensions on five members of the market, including Mr Bryan Spencer, the former active underwriter of syndicate 895 managed by Spicer & White, and Mr Philip Roff Marsh, the active underwriter for syndicate 420 managed by Oakeley Vaughan.

Both Mr Spencer and Mr Marsh were found guilty of recklessly disregarding the interests of their names.

Syndicate 895, whose members include Miss Virginia Wade, Mr Mark Cox and Mr Lester Piggott from the sports world, ran up losses of £18 million in the early 1980s. The names are now suing the managing agent Spicer & White and the members' agents. A trial date is being fixed.

A total of 39 Oakeley Vaughan names issued a writ against Lloyd's in September this year, alleging negligence.



Ill wind: Peter Miller said some may benefit from dollar fall

Poor Gatt nations snub services plan

By Colin Narbrough

An American plan for liberalizing international trade in services, in addition to goods, has set a marker for the new round of negotiations under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt).

But it ran into a mixed reception in Geneva yesterday from delegates to the Gatt, whose member countries account for more than 90 per cent of world trade.

Washington's outline proposal came under heavy and predictable criticism from the developing countries which see it going beyond the legitimate scope of Gatt and fear it will expose their protected and often fragile home markets to the big, sophisticated service industries of the developed world.

The US, backed by Britain and other developed nations for whom services today represent a large part of overall trade, believes freeing trade in financial and other services will help economic development. International Monetary Fund figures show services accounting for about a quarter of international commerce.

The US wants a gradual opening to free competition of markets in such services as banking, insurance, investment, accounting, law, telecommunications, engineering and tourism.

Under the plan, Gatt signatories would be asked to freeze restrictions on foreign suppliers of services and take no measures that would impair such trade.

● Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, has warned the strong protectionist lobby in the US not to take the "easy option" offered by closing home markets.

Protectionism bred inefficiency and provoked retaliation. It made the US deficit harder to cure, hit US competitiveness and restruct US access to markets abroad, she told the American Chamber of Commerce in London.

Bond 'has 5% of Allied'

From Our Correspondent Sydney

Mr Alan Bond is treading that well-worn path to the share register of Allied Lyons, the British brewer, pioneered last year by Mr John Elliott of Elders IXL.

Analysts at Wood Mackenzie, the London broker, believe Mr Bond has bought 60 million Allied shares in the past two weeks. If so, his stake in the brewery would be about 5 per cent.

Bond Corporation had 2.8 per cent, or 20.6 million shares, last February. A company spokesman here confirmed it was "looking to increase its holdings," but would not disclose how much it held. He described the holding as "friendly."

"In the current climate in world share markets we see Allied's share price as undervalued, given its earnings stream and potential," the spokesman said.

Allied executives have been informed of changes in Mr Bond's holdings, and the spokesman pointed to the strong commercial links between the companies. Bond's Swan Lager and Castlemaine XXXX brands are distributed by Allied in Britain.



Alan Bond: 'friendly' stake

IEL 'has lost £263m in fall'

From Richard Battley, Sydney

The world stock market crash has wiped Aus$680 million (£263 million) off the value of the investment portfolio of Industrial Equity Ltd, Mr Ron Brierley, chairman, said yesterday.

Shareholders' funds were, however, "relatively untouched." At June 30, these totalled Aus$127 million.

Mr Brierley said it would be ridiculous to pretend his group had not been affected by the crash. The share price alone told the story: before the crash it was Aus$6, yesterday it closed at Aus$1.95.

He toldhis company's 23rd annual meeting that the investment fluctuation reserve account had sufficient funds to absorb the losses. "To give you some idea of the problem, as at June 30 we had an investment fluctuation account, and it would be fair to say that most of that account has evaporated. That is the bad news. The good news is that shareholders' funds were relatively untouched by that problem."

Even at yesterday's prices, however, the market value would exceed the book value of the portfolio. Mr Brierley said the hefty reduction in the reserve account did not include the company's subsidiaries.

In answer to a question, he reckoned the net tangible asset backing of IEL shares was about Aus$2, although he believed their true market value was higher.

Mr Brierley said while the world market plunge was much more savage than expected, it had created "buying opportunities". He said: "We do not welcome a fall of this magnitude, but it does provide us with the opportunity to utilize our resources of funds, people and experience."

In January, Mr Brierley gave warning of a market shake-out and said that a number of lesser players would be burnt.

Boost for engineers' courses

Higher spending on education, announced in the Autumn Statement, includes a boost for courses in manufacturing systems engineering.

Increasing the number of professional engineers in this sector is regarded as crucial to improving British competitiveness.

The move was welcomed by the Engineering Council, the umbrella body for the industry and the engineering profession, which has been urging the Government to provide another 1,700 places on degree and post-graduate courses in engineering.

There will be an "initiative" on this in the universities, the the Department of Education and Science said. It is asking the University Grants Committee to set aside funds for this for the next three years.

Industry is prepared to support the initiative by sponsoring students on courses and providing them with work experience, the council said.

An "encouraging" number of polytechnics are said to be planning new systems engineering courses in this discipline next September.

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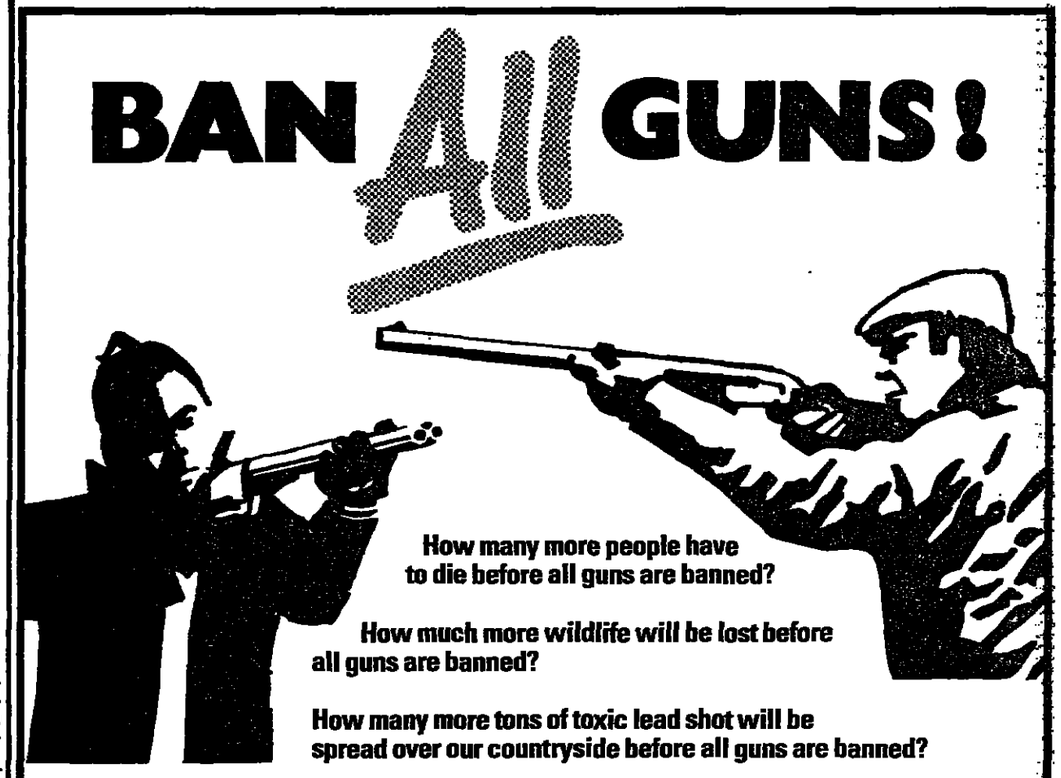
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WALL STREET

Early advance by Dow

New York (Agencies) – Share prices on Wall Street were a little higher in early active trading, helped by a move towards lower interest rates. Business was volatile within a narrow range.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 6.3 points, at 1,951.59. Standard & Poor's 500-stock index was up about a quarter of a point and the New York Stock Exchange composite index was marginally lower.

Among shares making the biggest gains were Teledyne, up 8 to 282, Merck up 4¼ to 180, Digital Equipment up 3¹/₈ to 135, and Telex up 3¹/₈ to 56³/₈.

The bond market surged in early trading on news that the West German central bank had lowered its Lombard rate to 4½ per cent from 5 per cent, and that several leading US banks – including Citicorp and Chemical Bank – had cut their prime rates to 8¾ per cent from 9 per cent. West Germany left its discount rate unchanged at 3 per cent.

One trader said he expected the US Federal Reserve to cut the discount rate soon, to help pump up the economy.

Note and bond prices surged by between a quarter and 1⁷/₃₂ points, with the benchmark 8⁷/₃₂ per cent long bond piercing par to trade 1⁷/₃₂ points stronger at 100⁵/₃₂.

There was concern, however, that the dollar continued falling. The rate cuts by European central banks were expected to give the dollar a boost, but traders did not appear to be impressed.

	Nov 4	Nov 3
AMR Cp	34⅛	36
ASA	45½	46⅝
Aetna Life	50⅝	50⅝
Allied Signal	32⅜	34⅛
Alles Chlm	1⅝	1⅜
Alcoa	41½	42
Amax Inc	15⅜	15⅝
AMR Hess	25½	26¼
Am Brands	43½	42⅝
Am Cynmd	37¾	38
Am Ele Pwr	26⅝	27
Amexs	25	25¼
Am Home	71½	70⅞
Am Int Grp	67½	68¼
Am Stand	34⅛	34⅜
Am Telph	29⅝	29⅞
Amoco Cp	69⅝	70⅜
Armco Steel	9⅜	9¼
Asarco Inc	20⅛	20⅛
Ashland Oil	50½	50⅝
Atl Richfld	77⅜	76⅝
Avon Prod	24	24⅜
Bk Boston	21⅜	21
Bank NY	32⅝	32¼
Bankamer	9	9¼
Bkrs Tst NY	31⅜	32¼
Baxter	21¾	22½
Beth Steel	12⅜	12⅜
Boeing	37½	37½
Boise Casc	58⅝	58¼
Borden	45⅝	45
Bristl Meyr	40⅝	41⅝
BP	51½	51¼
Brunswick	16¼	17⅜
Burl Ind	n.a	n.a
Burl Nth	59¾	60⅜
CBS	171½	165⅜
Cms Engy	14⅜	14⅜
CPC Int	38⅛	38
CSX Cp	26⅝	27¼
Cmpbell Sp	55⅝	54¼
Can Pacific	16⅛	16¼
Caterpillar	51⅝	51
Centrl SW	30½	31½
Champion	29¼	29¾
Chase Man	29¼	28⅝
Chem NY	28⅝	27½
Chevron	42⅝	42½
Chrysler	25⅞	25½
Ctycorp	40¾	40⅛
Clark Eq	22½	21
Coca Cola	40	40⅜
Colgate	41⅜	41⅜
Columb Gas	43¾	44
Cmb'n Eng	29⅝	29⅝
Cmwlth Edi	29⅜	28½
Cons Edis	43½	43½
Consol Ng	35⅝	35¾
Cont Data	24⅞	25
Corning Gl	46	46¾
Crane	22½	22⅝
Curtiss Wrt	48¼	48¼
Data Genl	21¼	21½
Deere Co	28	27⅝
Delta Awl	38⅛	38⅝
Detroit Edi	14½	14½
Digital Eq	131½	134⅝
Disney	52	53
Dow Chem	74⅜	73
Dressr Ind	23	23¾
Dupont	91½	91¼
Duke Pwr	47⅝	47⅞
East Kodak	50½	54½
Eaton Cp	57⅝	58½
Emerson El	29⅜	30½
Emery Air	5⅛	5
Exxon	42¾	43⅜
Farah Inc	8½	8½
Fedders	6¼	6¼
Firestone	30⅞	31⅛
Fst Chicago	22⅝	23
Fst Int Bncp	43¼	43⅜
Fst Penn C	8¼	8¼
FT Wachvia	35	34⅝
Ford Motor	76⅛	76½
GAF Cp	43	43½
GTE Cp	37	37¼
Gen Cp	68½	69
Gn Dynam	50⅝	50½
Gen Elecnc	44	45½
Gen Inst	28¾	28¾
Gen Mills	46¾	47¼
Gen Motors	60¼	58¾
Gen Pub Ut	23⅞	24⅜
Genesco	3⅜	3⅜
Georgia Pac	33	33
Gillette	28¼	29¼
Goodrich	33⅞	33
Goodyear	45¼	44½
Gould Inc	13⅜	13½
Grace Co	45⅝	45
Grt Atl Pac	35⅞	35¼
Greyhnd	24¾	24⅝
Gruman	21¾	21½
Gulf & West	69⅜	69½
Heinz	41¾	41⅛
Hercules	47⅛	48¼
Hewlett Pk	48	49⅝
Honeywell	59⅜	60½
IC Ind	29⅜	29½
ITT Cp	50⅝	50¾
INCO	14⅜	15⅛
Ing Rand Wi	28⅝	29½
Inland Steel	21⅜	24
IBM	120⅝	121⅛
Int Paper	36½	36¾
Irving Bk	46⅝	48¼
Jhsn & Jhsn	77¼	77¾
K Mart	27⅜	27
Kaiseritech	9¼	9⅝
Kerr McGee	34⅛	32⅝
Kimbrly Clrk	53	51¾
Kraft	45¾	46
Kroger	26¾	26⅝
LTV Cp	3⅛	3
Litton	78	81½
Lockheed	41⅞	42⅜
Lucky Str	24¼	23¾
Man H'river	29½	29½
Manville	2⅜	2⅜
Mapco	41⅜	41⅜
Marine Mid	78	77
Mt Marietta	42	41⅛
Masco	22⅛	23
Mcdonalds	41½	43
McDonnell	60⅜	62¾
Mead Cp	30¾	29½
Merck	176¼	175½
Minsta Mng	60¼	61⅜
Mobil	38	39⅛
Monsanto	67⅞	67⅞
Morgan Jp	36	36½
Motorola	44½	43⅜
NCR	62	62⅝
NL Indstrs	5¾	6
Nat Distill	58⅛	61⅜
Nat Md Ent	18⅜	18⅞
Nat Semi	13	12¾
Norfolk Sth	23½	23⅜
NW Bancrp	36	35½
Occid Petl	26¼	26¾
Ogden Cp	25½	26⅜
Olin Cp	38⅝	40
PPG Ind	33¾	34
Pac Gas El	18	18
Pan Am	3⅝	3⅝
Penney JC	44	44
Pennzoil	70⅜	65⅛
Pepsico	32	32¾
Pfizer	53⅞	54⅛
Phelps Dod	34	33¾
Philip Mor	91⅝	91
Philip Pet	11⅛	11
Polaroid	22⅝	23
Primerica	27⅜	27⅝
Procr Gble	85	85
Pub S E G	24½	24
Raytheon	68⅝	69⅛
Rynlds Mett	39¾	40¾
Rockwell Int	19½	20⅛
Royal Dutch	105⅛	106⅜
SFE Sopac	55⅝	55½
Sara Lee	37½	38⅜
Schlumb	33½	34⅝
Scott Pap	62¼	62¾
Seagram	57	57
Sears Roeb	35⅝	36⅝
Shell Trans	69½	70¼
Singer	47⅜	47½
Smith Beck	51	51¾
Stanl Drug	52⅛	52¾
Stevens JP	31⅜	28⅜
Sun Comp	52¾	54
TRW Inc	48⅝	48
Teledyne	274½	279⅝
Tenneco	42½	42¼
Texaco	30¾	31
Tex Eastn	25⅛	25⅞
Texas Inst	49¾	48
Tex Util	28⅜	28⅜
Textron	22⅜	23
Travelers	36¾	36¾
USG	35	35⅞
USX Cp	25⅞	26¼
Unilever Plc	32¼	33
Un Carbide	21⅝	21½
Un Pac Cp	53⅝	54½
Unisys Cp	31⅛	31⅝
Utd Brands	37½	37½
Utd Tech	36¾	35¾
Unocal	29⅞	30
Walter Jim	59⅝	59¼
Warn Lamb	66⅞	64½
Wells Far	44¼	43¾
Westg El	45⅞	47⅜
Weyerhsr	36⅝	36
Whirlpool	24½	24¼
Woolworth	32¾	33
Xerox Cp	56⅞	56⅝
Zenith	13⅞	13½

CANADIAN PRICES

Agnco Eag	23½	24⅜
Alcan Alum	31⅞	32
Algoma Stl	15⅜	15¾
Can Pacific	21½	22
Comnco	12¾	13⅛
Con Bathrst	15⅜	15⅝
Hawk S Can	20	20
Hud Bay M	19	19
Imasco	26¾	27⅛
Imperial Oil	60¾	61¼
Int Pipe	41¾	41¾
Royl Trstco	14⅜	14⅜
Seagrm	75⅞	76
Shelco 'A'	19⅛	19
Thmsn N 'A	25⅛	25⅞
Varity Cp	2¼	2¼
WCT	14⅜	14¾
Weston	30¾	31¼

WORLD STOCK MARKETS ROUND-UP: TOKYO

Share prices fall sharply as dollar slide continues

Share prices in Tokyo closed sharply lower in thin trade on the dollar's tumble, after weak Wall Street and London stock markets on Wednesday, brokers said.

The 225-share Nikkei average yesterday lost 430.97 points to 22,629.56, or 1.9 per cent. The day before the index lost 298.07 points. Yesterday, declines led advances almost eight to one in turnover of 450 million shares against 600 million on Wednesday.

Afternoon buying of export-related shares by big investment trusts as the dollar fell to post war records surprised many brokers but restored some stability. Confusion reigned over the future of the US economy and the dollar, which closed at an all-time low of 135.35 yen.

Securities house, pharmaceutical, communications, credit and leasing, real estate, rubber, warehouse, railway, oil, construction, retail, textiles, rolling stock, bank and service stocks fell most. Only gas and fisheries shares rose.

When the dollar falls sharply against the yen, exporting firms are normally sold heavily. But four big investment trusts bought such issues strongly in afternoon trade.

"It is mostly short-term buying because export shares are now cheap," said a broker at Nomura Securities. "It looks like the yen will continue to appreciate from here."

Exporters' shares fell despite the buying. Electronics, precision instrument, car, and general manufacturing issues lost. TDK eased 120 yen to 3,810 yen, against its high of 5,690 yen set in August.



Tokyo traders rushing to register orders yesterday as declines led advances eight to one

Tokyo bond prices rose. Brokers said the rising yen attracted money to yen-based bonds, and rising local bond prices in turn drew money from stocks into bonds.

"But the bond market's appreciation has its positive side. It means that interest rates in Japan are coming down," a Japanese broker said. Low interest rates should keep a steady flow of funds into Tokyo, brokers said.

Brokers still thought that as long as the yen remained above 130 to the dollar, exporters' businesses would stay afloat but would contract.

Many question marks hang over the US economy. Brokers gave conflicting opinions on whether Japanese participation in the current US Treasury auction had been bigger than expected. Analysts were also unsure whether the US would act soon to cut its budget deficit.

The first section index lost 28.64 to 1,857.07 after tumbling 29.16 on Wednesday. The second section index declined 23.92 to 2,403.53 after a 16.34 point retreat on Wednesday. Turnover was 9 million shares against 10 million on Wednesday.

Foreigners sold stock heavily, brokers said. Some institutional investors also sold slightly, breaking with their "no-sell" behaviour of the last two weeks.

Nippon Telegraph and Telephone (NTT) lost 40,000 yen to 2.77 million yen. That is still well above the 2.5 million yen the finance ministry has said the government wants when it sells 1.95 million NTT shares from next Tuesday to next Thursday, brokers said.

Financial stocks slipped. Their prospects of profits dim as global stock markets recede, dealers said. Daiwa Securities lost 120 yen to 1,410 yen and Nomura Securities 120 yen to 3,470 yen.

SYDNEY

All-Ordinaries index drops to 13-month low

From Richard Battley, Sydney

Investors pushed shares down to a 13-month low yesterday as foreign markets transmitted unremitting, negative signals. Modest losses on Wall Street and in London were coupled with a weaker Australian dollar and falling gold and oil prices.

"Pessimism dominates," said a Sydney broker. "There's simply no faith in the stocks."

The All-Ordinaries index, the main market marker, plummeted 39.5 points to 1,250 points. This is 47 per cent lower than the peak on September 21. The negative sentiment was aggravated by the volatile trading in the Australian dollar, which oscillated from US66.73 cents to US68.10 cents.

The Gold Index fell 4.7 per cent, or 94.6 points lower, to close at 1,878.9 points; the All-Resources index was down 3.5 per cent, or 27 points, to 730.7 points; and the All-Industrials index was 2.7 per cent, or 55.5 points, lower at 1,927.4 points.

Further falls were indicated by the December Share Price Futures Index, which closed sharply lower at 1,180 points, a 70-point discount to the physical market. National turnover was a thin 141.85 million shares, worth Aus$250 million (£96.5 million). Declines outnumbered advances by about six to one.

The losses were widespread, with gold-related scrips hardest hit after a US$2.15 fall in the bullion to US$466.10 an ounce. Mr Robert Holmes à Court's Bell Resources slid 26 cents to Aus$1.30 and its parent, Bell Group, 20 cents to Aus$2.40, after falls in the US oil giant Texaco, in which Bell is a leading shareholder.

Other entrepreneurial shares added to the capitalization demise. IEL, which admitted yesterday that it had lost Aus$650 million in the global collapse, shed 15 cents to Aus$1.95, Adsteam shed 30 cents to Aus$5, Elders IXL 10 cents to Aus$2.60, and the Bond Corporation five cents to Aus$1.40.

SINGAPORE

Index down again on nervous selling

The weak dollar and continued pressure on the New York and other leading stock markets resulted in nervous selling, with share prices being pushed lower over a broad front in fairly active trading, brokers said.

The Straits Times industrial index fell 39.79 to 817.72 points.

Brokers said overseas markets continued to dictate the trend and institutions were still the main sellers, with few fresh domestic factors to give local investors confidence.

The local market was expected to stay depressed in the next few days and would follow Wall Street's performance quite closely, a broker said, adding that any rebound would be minimal.

United Overseas Bank, the most active counter on 2.9 million shares, closed 24 cents lower at Sing$4.74. DBS Land lost four cents to Sing$1.16 on 1.6 million shares and Sime Darby fell seven cents to Sing$1.93 on a volume of 1.5 million shares.

Elsewhere, Industrial and Commercial Bank lost 80 cents to finish at Sing$4.00, Metro 70 cents to Sing$5.65, Cerebos 30 cents to Sing$4.14 and Inchcape 30 cents to Sing$3.10.

HONG KONG

Hang Seng drops below 2,000 level

Share prices closed sharply lower under renewed selling pressure from overseas institutions yesterday as the Hang Seng index slid below the key 2,000 level, brokers said.

The index fell 116.21 points to 1,960.90 though light buying lifted it from its lows. Turnover was a sluggish HK$1.05 billion against Wednesday's HK$1.2 billion.

Brokers said overseas fund managers were selling, partly to raise cash so they could take up shares they were committed to buying under Cheung Kong's HK$10 billion rights offer.

They said technical support, evident on Wednesday when the index neared 2,000, had largely evaporated.

"Charts don't mean anything," said a foreign fund manager. "It's all sentiment."

Brokers said they expect the index to continue to lose ground today and into next week.

Cheung Kong slid 60 cents to HK$6.15 in active trading while affiliates Hutchison Whampoa fell 15 cents to HK$6.80.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank topped the active list and shed 35 cents to HK$6.70 while Hang Seng Bank fell HK$1.80 to HK$25.50. Property shares remained under pressure with Hongkong Land losing 70 cents to HK$5.85.

FRANKFURT

Talk of rates cut prompts buying

West German shares recovered from a weak opening as rumours, eventually realized, that the Bundesbank would cut its discount and Lombard rates prompted speculative buying and stopped shares going into another sharp fall, dealers said.

On the day losses were less than had been feared. "This morning it looked as if they were going to fall 10 per cent but they are only slightly lower," one dealer said.

Trading had been erratic owing to the market's nervousness, although overall turnover was only moderate.

The Commerzbank 60-share index fell more than 2 per cent by the middle of the session to a two-year low of 1,396.6 from 1,427.9 on Wednesday. The previous low was on August 1, 1985 when it stood at 1,383.4.

The Boersen-Zeitung index opened at 288.22, more than 2 per cent down from Wednesday's closing 295.09. It ended at 293.38, only about 0.5 per cent lower.

In banks, Deutsche ended at 481.50, DM4.50 lower than yesterday's close but up on its opening 469.50. Commerzbank lost two to 235.50 and Dresdner also dropped two to 254.50.

Chemicals bounced back strongly from the weak opening and ended with gains. Bayer rose five to 272.50.

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey	800	Coats	2,200	Land Sec	2,457	Flowtree	334
Alld-Lyons	4,880	CU	3,456	Laporte	403	Royal Bank	1,046
Amstrad	2,395	Cons Gold	1,202	L&G	1,056	Royal Ins	818
ASDA	11,372	Cookson	959	Lloyds	1,432	Saatchi	1,402
AB Foods	1,033	Courtaulds	1,761	Lonrho	1,314	Sainsbury	3,415
Argyll	4,085	Dalgety	604	Lucas	1,645	Scot & N	1,400
BAA	3,556	Dee	6,679	Magnet	1,347	Sears	6,072
BET	2,871	Dixons	3,955	M&S	6,631	Sedgwick	2,110
BTR	1,865	ECC	322	Maxwl Com	3,262	Shell	2,070
BAT	5,380	Enterprise	1594	MEPC	536	Smith & N	4,807
Barclays	2,326	Ferranti	4,856	Metal Box	1,002	STC	3,220
Bass	1,174	Fisons	1,169	Midland	3,430	Stan Chart	274
Beecham	3,095	Gen Acc	457	NatWest	808	Storehse	4,330
Beazer	1,751	GEC	9,924	Next	5,845	Sun Alince	374
BICC	708	Glaxo	1,956	Nth Food	615	T & N	1,331
Blue Arrow	2,444	Globe	334	P&O	1,357	Tarmac	1,584
Blue Circle	626	Granada	320	Pearl	205	Tate & Lyle	277
BOC	1,371	Grand Met	5,735	Pearson	213	TSB	8,253
Boots	3,852	GUS 'A'	475	Pilkington	7,150	Tesco	2,563
BPB	854	GRE	795	Pleasey	4,880	Thorn EMI	3,472
Br Aero	4,838	GKN	2,252	Prudential	560	Trafalgar	4,421
Br Airways	4,403	Guinness	4,765	Racal	4,085	THF	2,372
Br Comm	832	Hamm 'A'	210	Rk Hovis	2,157	Ultramar	446
Br Gas	13,795	Hanson	9,464	Rank	528	Unigate	2,899
Br Petrol	16,065	Hawker	720	R&C	463	Unilever	2,090
Br Telecm	12,921	Hawley	1,620	Redland	502	United Bis	1,587
Bristol	300	Hillsdown	4,923	Reed	2,338	Utd News	944
Bunzl	938	IMI	1,972	Reuters	510	Wellcome	1,340
Burmah	87	ICI	2,436	RMC Gp	985	Whitbrd	1,711
Burton	2,153	Jaguar	3,440	RTZ	4,758	Wilks Fab	2,152
C&W	4,394	Lasmo	593	R-Royce	7,485	Woolworth	1,849
Cadbury	2,445	Ladbroke	3,258	Rothmn 'B'	587	Equities page 35	

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
November 2	November 13	February 4	February 15

Call options were taken out on: 5/11/87 Tnmoco, Central & Sheerwood, Kwik Fit, Conroy, Entertainment Production Services, Amstrad, Control Secs., Sedrs, Berkeley & Hay Hill, Greenwch Res., BSG Intnl., Rivlin, Polly Peck, Wellcome, Unilever, Bryant Holdings, J Crowther, Cluff Oil, Astra Holdings, S Miller, Premier Cons., Rotaprint, Ferranti, Pentland Inds., Helene of London, C Baynes, Rover Group, Blue Arrow.
Put: Thames TV.
Puts & Calls: Pilkington, C Baynes.

National Westminster Bank PLC

NatWest announces that with effect from Thursday 5th November 1987 its Base Rate is decreased from 9.50% to 9.00% per annum.

All facilities (including regulated consumer credit agreements) with a rate of interest linked to NatWest Base Rate will be varied accordingly.

41 Lothbury London EC2P 2BP

Girobank

Girobank plc announces that with effect from close of business Thursday November 5 1987

Base Rate
Its base rate was reduced from 9.5% to 9% per annum

Other facilities (including regulated consumer credit agreements) with a rate of interest linked to Base Rate will be varied accordingly

Girobank plc 10 Milk Street LONDON EC2V 8JH

Lloyds Bank Base Rate.

Lloyds Bank Plc has reduced its Base Rate from 9.5 per cent to 9 per cent p.a. with effect from Thursday 5 November 1987.

All facilities (including regulated consumer credit agreements) with a rate of interest linked to Lloyds Bank Base Rate will be varied accordingly.

The change in Base Rate will also be applied from the same date by the United Kingdom branch of The National Bank of New Zealand Limited.

Lloyds Bank

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Lloyds Bank Plc, 71 Lombard Street, London EC3P 3BS.

Bank of Scotland Base Rate

Bank of Scotland announces that, with effect from Thursday 5th November 1987 its Base Rate has been decreased from 9.50% per annum to 9.00% per annum

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TOTAL

TOTAL COMPAGNIE FRANÇAISE DES PÉTROLES

Consolidated financial position for first half 1987

At its meeting on 4 November 1987, the Board of Directors of TOTAL COMPAGNIE FRANÇAISE DES PÉTROLES examined the consolidated financial position of the TOTAL group. The salient features are as follows (in millions of French Francs):

	Year 1986	1st Half 1987
Turnover	95,722	44,452
Cash flow	4,114	3,632
Stockholding movements	–7,500	860
Cash flow, excluding stockholding movements	11,614	2,772
Consolidated Group result	–1,246	1,177
Minority share	(–775)	(145)
Net income (TCFP share)	–471	1,032

The partial upturn in the oil price means that oil and gas production has regained more profitable levels. In Refining and Marketing, this has resulted in stockholding gains thanks to which this sector as a whole is now showing a slight profit.

The sale in August of the Italian refining and marketing subsidiary will be reflected in 2nd half figures as an exceptional profit of approximately 1 billion francs.

Gross investment remained at a high level: 4,882 million francs compared with 9,599 million francs for the whole of 1986.

Overall forecasts for 1987 show that, barring unforeseen events, particularly with regard to prices, the consolidated Group result should be somewhere between 2,000 million and 2,500 million francs.

Standard Chartered

Base Rate

On and after 5th November, 1987 Standard Chartered Bank's Base Rate for lending is being decreased from 9.50% to 9.00%.

Standard Chartered Bank
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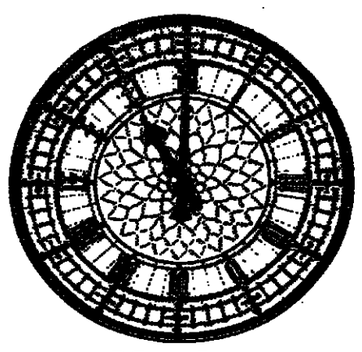
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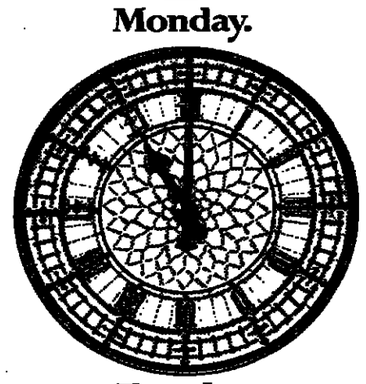
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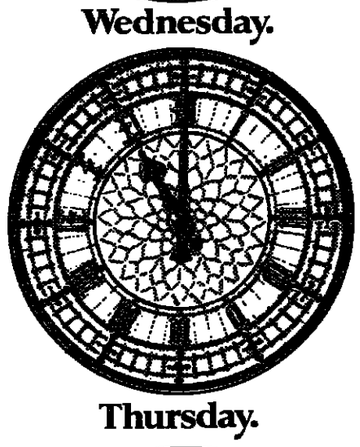
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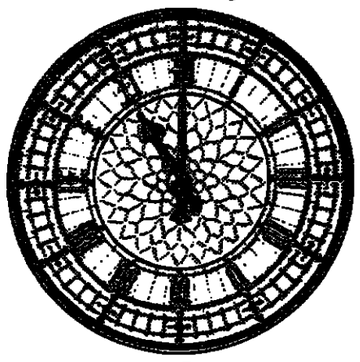
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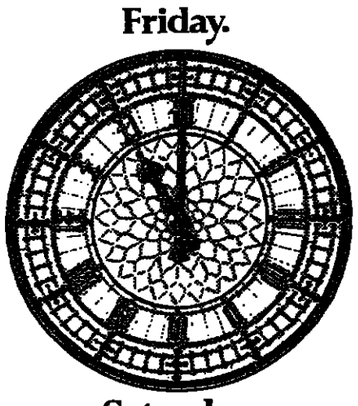
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CATHAY PACIFIC

Weather-hit Appletree diversifies into beef

By Michael Tate

This summer's appalling weather and the poor quality of the potato harvest have wiped out profits at Hunters Foods, the crisps and snack foods manufacturing business acquired by Appletree Holdings in March. That effectively means a halving of Appletree's potential profits for the year ended September, for which figures are due in January. The share price slumped 26p to 135p.

Now Appletree is paying £12.5 million for Kildare Chilling and Kildare Meats, which comprise an Irish beef processing group, in an attempt to spread its risk.

Mr David Johnson, the chairman, says Appletree has been too dependent on its two main trading areas, fresh fruit and vegetables and snack foods. "It has left us vulnerable. So we have been looking to diversify."

Kildare is one of the largest meat companies in Ireland, with a turnover last year of Ir£94 million (£84 million). It will more than double the size of Peterborough-based Appletree, which only this summer stepped up from USM to a full listing.

Virtually all Kildare's production is exported, with 74 per cent of sales made within the EEC. The rest goes to North and West Africa and the US. The company made profits of Ir£5.8 million last year.

The vendors will collect £10 million in cash and £2.5 million in Appletree shares. The price could rise by up to a further £1.79 million, depending on Kildare's profitability.

The acquisition needs shareholder approval — a formality since Mr Johnson and others with half the votes between them have already consented — and it is in the letter calling the meeting that the snack foods division's difficulties are outlined.

Mr Johnson says Hunters experienced "a very disappointing second half" and is "unlikely to do more than break even in the trading period just ended." Last year, Hunters made profits of £890,000. Appletree made £769,000.

Mr Johnson says production problems were experienced as a result of the poor quality of the potatoes, and that this has led to an exceptional write-off of potato stocks.

Meanwhile, the original business, the fresh produce division, continues to trade satisfactorily and is expected to have produced profits "broadly" in line with budget.

Scotch exports rise

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Scotch whisky exports in the first nine months of this year rose 2.5 per cent on an annual comparison, with shipments in bottle — the biggest part of the business — up 6 per cent. The value of total exports, at £782.3 million, was up 7 per cent.

Among the whiskies bottled in Scotland, single malts showed the biggest increase with shipments up by 15 per cent. Blended whiskies in bottle were 5 per cent higher.

Mr Ivan Straker, chairman of the Scotch Whisky Association's public affairs committee, said: "The bottled-in-Scotland sector has continued to perform strongly and this is particularly encouraging since it accounts for about 70 per cent of total exports."

In the 12 months to the end of September, total exports rose 6 per cent with the value up 10 per cent to £1.121 billion.

APPOINTMENTS

Eurotunnel names chief

Eurotunnel: Sir Nicholas Hant is named deputy managing director.

Cambridge Capital: Mr Craig Niven joins the board.

Glynwed International: Mr John Biffen joins the board as a non-executive director.

Tootal Group: Mr Jonathan Ward has been made chief executive of Tootal Clothing.

Barlow Lyde & Gilbert: Mr John Hanson and Mr Tim Hardy join the partnership.

Systems Designers Software Technology Centre: Mr Clive Burrows becomes production director and Mr Ken Jackson director of the software engineering division.

John Mowlem & Company: Mr Stephen Shipp becomes managing director of the building division.



Tim Hardy: partner at Barlow Lyde & Gilbert

United Guarantee: Mr Howard Butcher joins the board as a non-executive director.

Reed International: Mr Peter Williams has been named chairman and chief executive of the paper and packaging division.

First National Finance Corporation: Mr Martin Mays-Smith becomes a non-executive director.

Parkland Textile (Holdings): Mr Michael Rowley has been appointed financial director-designate, Mr Roy Smith becomes managing director of the weaving division, Mr Keith Wear is made group property director, and Mr Alex McManus and Mr Charles Hartley are named joint managing directors of Maitland Menswear.

Prudential-Bache Capital Funding (Equities): Mr David Nabarro becomes an executive director.

A Grantham: Mr Michael Franks has been named chairman.

Cantab: Mr Roy Goss joins the board.

Interest Rate Change

Allied Irish Banks plc announces that with effect from close of business on 5th November 1987, its Base Rate was decreased from 9½% to 9% p.a.

Allied Irish Bank

Head Office — Britain: 64/66 Coleman Street, London EC2R 5AL. Tel: 01-588 0691 and branches throughout the country.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Allid Lyons ('331)	300	45	62	67	15	20	28
	330	30	45	50	30	38	45
	360	16	30	40	58	55	60
Bass ('791)	900	50	75	100	65	75	85
	850	28	55	75	95	110	115
	900	18	35	55	135	145	150
Brit Air ('132)	130	20	25	35	18	25	30
	140	15	22	30	22	30	35
	160	8	15	23	38	43	48
Brit Com ('306)	300	32	42	60	35	45	55
	330	22	27	37	45	55	65
	360	12	18	25	65	80	90
Brit Gas ('136)	130	20	24	28	10	14	17
	140	—	19	22	—	20	22
	150	—	13	18	—	35	38
BP ('251)	240	20	30	38	15	25	35
	280	16	26	27	38	45	55
	280	—	20	27	—	32	57
Britoil ('224)	200	42	55	60	17	23	32
	220	30	42	52	28	33	42
	240	18	30	43	38	43	52
Cons Gold ('758)	750	110	140	170	60	80	120
	800	85	125	150	90	130	160
	850	65	100	130	140	170	200
Courtauld ('323)	300	47	60	70	25	35	45
	330	32	42	50	45	50	55
	360	22	30	40	70	75	85
Cons Union ('309)	390	12	22	33	85	95	100
	300	95	95	85	30	40	50
C & W ('296)	330	63	75	90	17	27	37
	360	13	22	30	65	75	85
	280	50	65	95	28	42	45
	300	40	52	75	40	43	55
	330	29	45	58	60	64	67
GEC ('184)	160	35	45	55	8	15	18
	180	24	30	40	19	27	27
GKN ('244)	200	13	20	28	28	33	40
	240	32	47	57	25	35	42
	260	23	38	50	35	45	58
Grand Met ('378)	280	12	25	38	65	75	80
	360	50	60	75	18	28	33
	390	30	40	55	33	43	50
ICI ('1058)	420	16	30	40	50	63	67
	460	9	18	30	85	93	95
	1000	135	160	180	70	105	140
	1050	110	135	155	90	130	170
	1100	85	115	135	120	155	200
	1150	65	95	120	150	185	235
Jaguar ('281)	280	37	50	60	30	40	50
	300	30	40	50	57	63	65
	330	18	32	47	82	72	80
Land Sec ('430)	420	50	65	75	43	50	55
	460	30	40	50	55	62	65
	500	17	25	37	85	90	95
M & S ('191)	180	28	36	44	11	15	20
	200	16	26	30	22	28	32
	220	8	18	26	38	45	48
R-Royce ('125)	120	20	28	35	12	18	22
	130	13	22	27	20	27	30
	140	9	17	20	27	32	37
	160	5	9	14	42	45	50
Shell ('980)	1000	75	103	130	85	125	150
	1050	53	80	113	115	155	185
	1100	40	63	95	145	185	220
Storehse ('236)	240	25	35	43	27	30	35
	260	18	30	35	43	50	55
	280	12	23	28	55	58	62
Trafalgar ('296)	300	8	17	25	65	65	65
	280	27	35	47	25	30	35
	300	17	27	40	40	45	50
	330	8	18	32	57	62	68
TSB ('102)	100	16	21	25	10	14	18
	110	11	17	20	18	20	22
Woolworth ('288)	120	9	12	15	23	27	27
	290	40	55	60	20	25	35
	300	30	45	55	45	45	50
	330	13	35	40	50	65	70
	350	—	23	—	—	80	—

	Series	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Amstrad ('117)	110	27	38	43	15	17	27
	120	18	28	35	20	22	30
	130	12	22	27	30	30	37
Barclays ('443)	420	70	80	95	35	45	55
	460	45	60	75	50	65	80
	500	25	40	60	75	85	95
Beecham ('424)	350	77	93	105	12	20	25
	390	52	70	87	20	30	35
	420	35	58	72	33	44	50
Boots ('227)	460	23	40	54	58	68	72
	220	27	35	42	18	23	2
	240	14	27	33	33	35	38
BTR ('241)	260	9	20	27	45	47	50
	220	42	55	57	15	20	25
	240	26	42	42	22	30	35
Blue Circ ('324)	280	15	30	32	37	42	40
	300	42	62	68	20	28	35
	330	28	45	50	30	40	52
Dixons ('260)	360	—	32	40	—	60	67
	240	35	43	53	17	20	25
	260	23	32	43	30	35	38
De Beers ('900)	280	15	23	35	40	45	48
	1050	100	—	—	60	—	—
	1100	70	—	—	110	—	—

	Series	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
De Beers ('1035)	1200	50	—	—	190	—	—
	1300	20	—	—	280	—	—
	1000	80	135	170	75	95	110
	1050	50	115	150	90	120	135
	1100	50	95	130	120	150	165
	1150	40	80	110	160	165	200
Hanson ('126)	110	25	28	32	5	8	12
	120	18	22	26	9	13	16
	130	13	17	21	14	18	20
	140	8	13	17	21	24	28
Lonrho ('214)	200	33	38	48	12	20	25
	220	22	28	38	28	30	35
	240	—	22	30	—	47	53
Midland ('343)	280	—	17	20	—	63	68
	330	80	70	80	30	40	55
	360	35	55	70	60	55	65
	390	20	40	50	65	75	90
Sears ('122)	120	14	20	25	14	17	20
	130	10	15	20	19	22	25
	140	6	12	15	26	28	32
Tesco ('155)	140	20	28	34	6	12	18
	150	—	21	26	—	22	26
	157	—	—	—	32	—	—
Thorn EMI ('459)	420	75	95	120	23	32	37
	480	50	75	100	45	60	75
	500	30	45	65	75	85	95
	550	17	27	43	115	120	130
THF ('186)	180	30	35	43	28	33	38
	200	18	23	30	35	43	47
	220	8	13	17	50	55	57
Unilever ('456)	420	60	80	90	25	40	55
	460	35	60	70	40	65	75
	500	20	35	55	75	85	100
Wellcome ('327)	300	50	70	85	20	25	38
	330	35	55	70	35	45	55
	360	20	40	55	50	65	70

	Series	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
BAA ('102)	100	8	20	23	10	17	20
	110	4	13	18	15	22	27
	120	2	10	15	22	30	30
Brit Aero ('310)	300	25	48	58	12	25	35
	330	10	35	45	30	48	55
	360	4	25	35	52	68	75
BAT Ind ('434)	390	55	75	85	13	18	25
	420	30	55	65	20	30	38
	460	10	35	45	40	50	60
Brit Tele ('218)	500	5	23	33	73	75	88
	220	14	26	35	13	22	28
	240	5	17	27	24	33	43
Cadbury ('207)	280	3	11	18	44	50	54
	200	20	32	40	12	17	21
	220	12	24	29	27	33	35
Guinness ('243)	240	4	15	18	38	45	48
	240	20	32	40	15	22	28
	280	8	22	30	30	37	43
Ladbroke ('298)	280	3	15	22	42	47	52
	300	15	26	33	17	31	43
	330	6	20	33	40	50	58
LASMO ('224)	350	4	12	23	67	70	80
	220	22	35	45	18	27	37
	240	12	27	35	30	37	45
Pilkington ('202)	280	6	23	30	40	50	60
	180	30	45	55	7	15	20
	200	15	32	42	13	22	27
Plessey ('144)	220	7	23	33	25	35	37
	240	2	17	25	45	50	52
	140	16	25	36	13	19	22
P & O ('498)	160	7	17	23	23	30	34
	180	3	10	17	41	44	48
	460	47	70	82	20	28	40
Prudential ('795)	500	18	47	58	33	45	55
	550	—	27	38	—	70	80
	750	70	120	135	25	45	60
Racal ('202)	800	35	80	115	45	80	110
	850	30	70	95	80	110	130
	200	18	33	42	13	23	28
RTZ ('290)	220	8	22	33	27	35	40
	240	5	17	24	40	47	54
	260	50	70	90	6	25	40
	280	33	60	75	20	40	55
	300	17	45	65	35	55	75
Vaal Reef ('83)	330	—	30	55	—	80	100
	110	2	8	15	28	33	35
	120	1¼	6	11	38	42	45
	130	1	5	8	48	52	55
Tr 11¾% 1991 (£106)	102	6⅝	6⅞	—	1/16	⅛	—
	104	4⅝	4⅞	—	1/16	1/32	—
	106	2⅜	2⅝	—	⅛	9/16	—
	108	1/16	1¼	—	⅜	1⅝	—
Tr 11¾% 03/07 (£121)	110	11⅝	11⅝	11⅝	2/32	½	1⅞
	112	9¾	9⅝	10¼	2/32	⅝	1⅝
	114	7⅝	8⅛	8¾	1/16	1¼	2
	116	5⅝	6⅜	7⅛	1/32	1⅝	2⅜
	118	4 1/16	5⅛	6⅝	1/16	2⅜	3⅜

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Series	Calls Nov	Calls Dec	Calls Jan	Calls Feb	Puts Nov	Puts Dec	Puts Jan	Puts Feb
1550	120	155	185	215	60	100	130	155
1600	93	132	165	185	85	125	145	175
1650	73	110	140	170	110	150	175	215
1700	53	90	120	150	140	180	205	245
1750	40	75	103	135	180	215	235	275
1800	30	60	88	120	220	250	270	310
1850	23	45	75	—	263	285	310	—
1900	15	38	63	—	307	330	345	—

November 5, 1987 Total: 50483 Calls 16755 Puts 33728 FT-SE: Calls 2212 Puts 1606
*Underlying security price.

NEW INTEREST RATES

Notice to Account Holders

Gross Interest % p.a.	Midland Savings Accounts	Net Interest % p.a.	Gross Equivalent to a Basic Rate Taxpayer % p.a.
With effect from 5 November 1987 the following rates will apply:-			
3.99	Deposit Account	3.00	4.11
6.31	Griffin Savers/ Number One	4.75	6.51
7.97 8.24	High Interest Cheque Account £2,000+ £10,000+	6.00 6.20	8.22 8.49
3.99 5.98	LIVE!Cash £20+ £100+	3.00 4.50	4.11 6.16
7.64	Monthly Income Account £2,000+	5.75	7.88
8.97	Premier Savings Account £5,000+	6.75	9.25
4.98 6.31 7.57	Saver Plus £100+ £500+ £1,000+	3.75 4.75 5.70	5.14 6.51 7.81
5.98 7.31	Vector Vector Savings	4.50 5.50	6.16 7.53
7.50 8.00	Clients' Premium Deposit Account £25,000-£99,999 £100,000+	5.64 6.02	N/A N/A
With effect from 4 December 1987			
3.99	Save and Borrow	3.00	4.11

Midland Bank

Midland Bank plc, 27 Poultry, London EC2P 2BX

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Alba	90 –1
Amer Plastic (61p)	68 +2
Anglo Leasing	168 +3
Banner Homes (105p)	83 –3
Brit Pet P/P	79½ +2½
Butte Mining (100p)	85
Cauldon	21 –4
Chartsearch	23½
Co of Designers (100p)	103
Dolphin Packg (106p)	115 +2
Explaura	20½ +1½
Fairway Ldn	81
ISA Intl (80p)	91 +1
Kingston Oil (100p)	90
Knobs Knockers	93 +1
Lloyd Thomp (170p)	170 –5
Marcol Group	73
Power Corp	73 –2
Record (66p)	71
Rolls-Royce (170p)	125 –½
Ross Consumer (165p)	196
Rural Plan	88
Sec Archives	175 –2
Shaftsbury (180p)	105 –20
Stanhope Props (250p)	151 +3
Tubular Exhib	22
URS Intl	68
USDC Inv	121 –2
Wilshaw Secs	23 +1
Zetters Leis	134 +1

RIGHTS ISSUES

Anns Bacher N/P	3
Baldwin N/P	
Compsoft Hldgs N/P	13
Falcon Ind N/P	¾
Harmony Leis N/P	¾
Southend Stadium N/P	¼
Securiguard N/P	
St Ives N/P	¼
TR Energy N/P	¾

(Issue price in brackets).

THIRD MARKET

1987 High	1987 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offr	Chg
485	185	Abelscot	210	240	–10
56	18	Alter Am Pet	30	33	+1
150	110	Allied Ins	127	137	–2
78	41	Amercoeur	38	43	–2
111	55	Andaman Res	68	73	nc
285	116	Broadcast	180	200	+10
192	61	Camotech	78	88	–4
103	45	Catalyst	95	99	+1
203	153	Chelsea Art	150	165	nc
110	45	Chemex Intl	40	50	nc
159	100	Comac	95	105	–5
151	50	Conton Bch	72	77	–3
228	145	Crown Eye	145	155	nc
68	15	Eglerton	16	18	+1
45	10	Do Wrnts	9	11	–1
188	75	Far E Res	70	80	nc
110	70	Gardner (J)	65	75	nc
53	25	Hornerbill	24	26	–1
73	58	Kemp (PE)	55	60	nc
101	65	Leading Lsr	72	77	+4
95	68	Lyra Tech	77	87	nc
180	105	Medivace	100	110	–3
80	15	Pub Hldgs	30	35	+2
128	85	Seacon	85	95	+2
87	45	Theme Hldgs	50	60	–5
215	140	UPL	135	145	nc
140	103	Unit Group	112	122	–10

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	9.00%
Adam & Company	9.50%
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C. Hoare & Co	9.50%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	9.00%
Lloyds Bank	9.00%
Nat Westminster	9.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	9.00%
TSB	9.00%
Citibank NA	9.50%

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Record interim results and MISCO acquisition

INTERIM RESULTS TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 1987

- Sales up 18% to £134.9 million
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- Interim dividend up 15% to 1.27p
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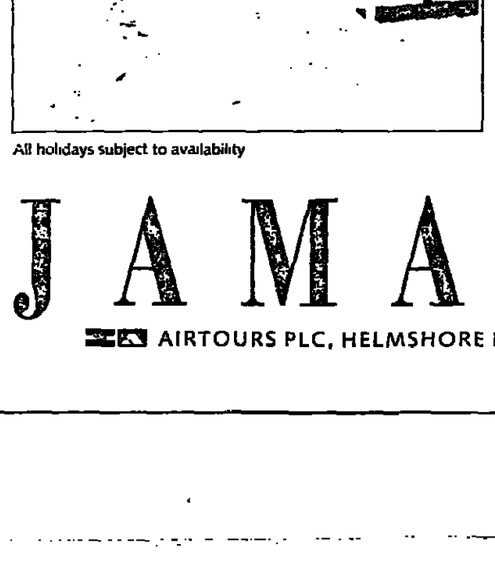
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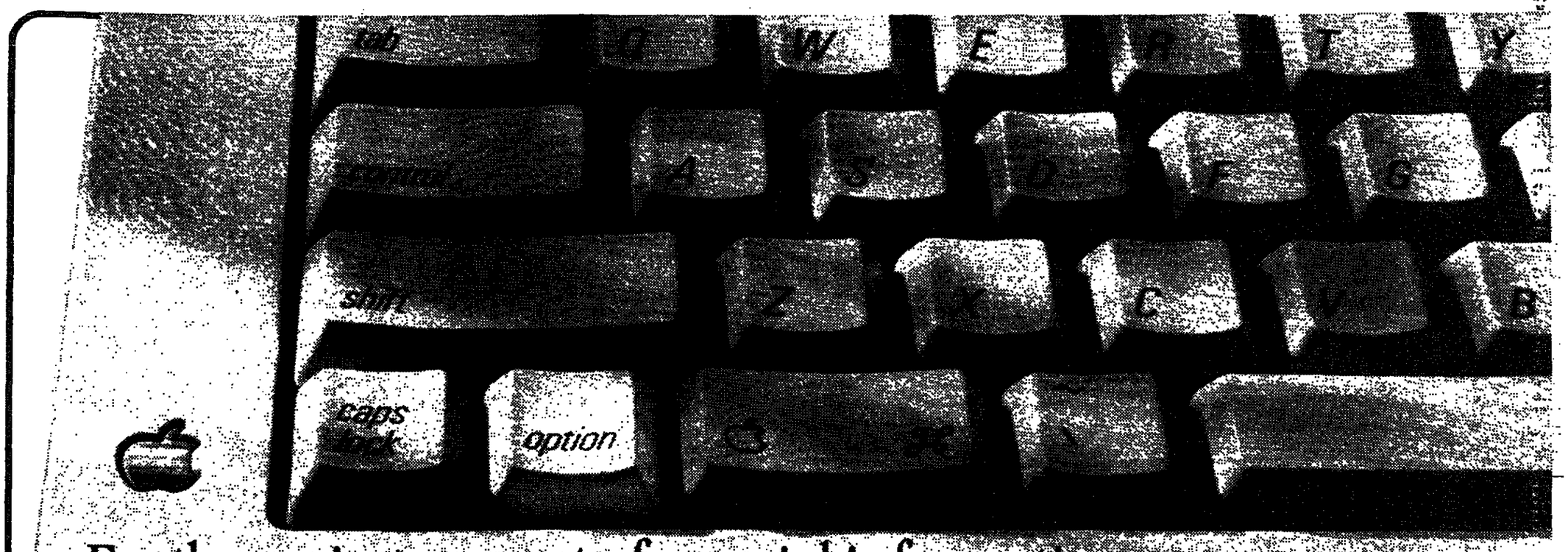
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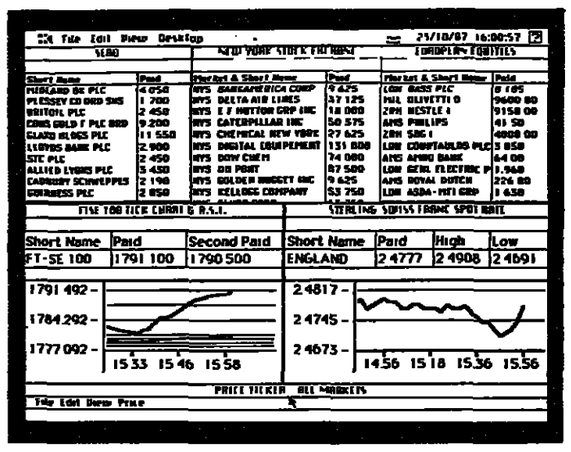
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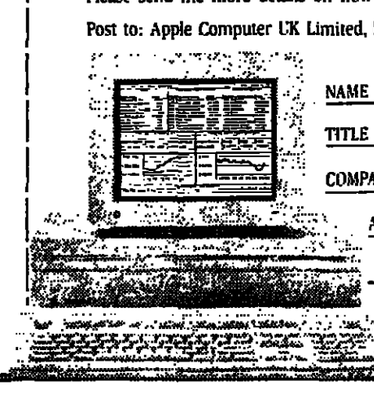
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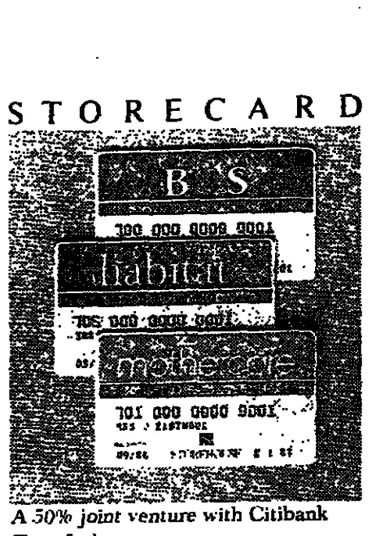
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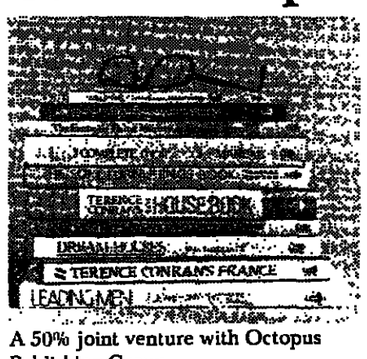
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1	Seatchi 10p (aa)	Paper,Print,Adv	
2	Harris Queensway	Drapery,Stores	
3	Arlen	Electricals	
4	Ferranti (aa)	Electricals	
5	Tromoco	Motors,Aircraft	
6	Laporte (aa)	Chemicals,Plas	
7	Int Signal & Control	Electricals	
8	Rank Org (aa)	Industrials L-R	
9	Brake Bros	Foods	
10	Rea Bros	Banks,Discount	
11	Laing Prop	Property	
12	Abaco	Finance,Land	
13	Trusthouse Ft (aa)	Hotels,Caterers	
14	Aran Energy	Oils,Gas	
15	Waterford Glass	Industrials S-Z	
16	T & N (aa)	Industrials S-Z	
17	Gt Western Res	Oils,Gas	
18	Bank Of Ireland	Banks,Discount	
19	Lucas (aa)	Motors,Aircraft	
20	Anglo Nordic	Industrials A-D	
21	Br Telecom (aa)	Electricals	
22	Allied Lon	Property	
23	Sterling Ind	Industrials S-Z	
24	Kershaw (A)	Industrials E-K	
25	CRH	Building, Roads	
26	Elys (Wimbledon)	Drapery,Stores	
27	Coalite	Chemicals,Plas	
28	Slough Estates	Property	
29	Five Oaks	Property	
30	Scot Met	Property	
31	Eng China Clay (aa)	Industrials E-K	
32	BPB Ind (aa)	Building, Roads	
33	Allied Irish	Banks,Discount	
34	Br Airways (aa)	Industrials A-D	
35	Robinson (Thomas)	Industrials L-R	
36	Booker	Foods	
37	Norcros	Industrials L-R	
38	Jackson	Oils,Gas	
39	Br Aerospace (aa)	Motors,Aircraft	
40	Granada (aa)	Industrials E-K	
41	Phoenix Prop	Property	
42	Freshbake	Foods	
43	TV-AM	Cinemas, TV	
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1987 High	Low	Stock	Price	Chge	Int. only yld%	Gross Red. yld%

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

99⅛	95⅞	Treas 7¾%	1985-88	99⅛	..	7.8 8.425
102¼	94⅛	Exch 10½%	1988	100⅝	..	10.4 8.618
101⅜	96½	Treas C9¼%	1988	100⅛	..	9.7 8.703
97⅝	92⅛	Treas 3%	1986-88	97⅝	..	3.1 6.811
101⅜	94⅛	Treas 9½%	1988	100⅜	+⅛	9.4 8.575
105¼	95½	Treas 11¾%	1989	103⅜	+⅛	11.2 8.738
104⅛	98¼	Treas 10¼%	1989	102⅝	+⅛	10.3 8.767
103¾	96½	Exch 10%	1989	101⅞	+⅛	9.8 8.760
108	95⅝	Exch 10¼%	1989	104⅛	+⅛	9.8 7.370
105½	95	Exch 11%	1989	103⅜	+⅛	10.6 8.732
95⅝	88⅛	Treas 3%	1986-89	94⅞	+⅛	3.2 8.731
102¼	93¼	Treas C8¼%	1990	101	+⅛	9.4 8.711
102⅛	92⅛	Treas 3%	1989	99⅛	+⅛	3.2 8.550
111	103⅛	Treas 13¾%	1990	107⅝	+⅛	12.6 8.528
106½	95	Exch 11¾%	1990	104⅛	+⅛	10.5 8.724
110⅝	99½	Exch 12¼%	1990	107⅝	+⅛	11.6 8.753
91⅝	84⅛	Treas 3%	1990	91⅛	+⅛	3.3 6.690
100	93⅛	Treas 8¾%	1987-90	98⅜	+⅛	8.3 8.700
105	94⅛	Treas 10%	1990	103	+⅛	9.7 8.757
89⅛	85⅜	Exch 9¾%	1990	98⅛	+⅛	9.8 8.466
110⅜	102⅛	Treas 12¾%	1991	106⅛	+⅛	9.4 8.022
110⅛	102⅛	Treas 12¾%	1991	107⅛	+⅛	10.8 8.754
96⅛	85⅜	Fund 5¾%	1987-91	92⅝	+⅛	6.2 8.246
109⅛	97	Exch 11¾%	1991	107⅜	+⅛	10.2 8.732
89⅛	79⅛	Treas 3%	1991	88⅛	+⅛	3.4 6.694
97⅛	86⅛	Treas 8%	1991	97⅛	+⅛	8.2 8.710

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

116⅛	107	Treas 12¾%	1992	113⅞	+1	11.2 8.813
105⅛	92⅛	Treas 10%	1992	104⅛	+1	9.6 8.750
108⅜	99⅛	Treas C10½%	1992	106⅛	+⅛	9.9 8.784
85⅝	79⅛	Treas 3%	1992	84⅛	+⅛	3.5 6.888
97⅛	89⅛	Treas 8%	1992	97⅛	+⅛	8.2 8.556
117	100⅛	Exch 12¼%	1992	113⅝	+⅛	10.9 8.869
121	104⅛	Exch 13½%	1992	117⅛	+1	11.5 8.888
107⅛	93⅛	Treas 10%	1993	104⅝	+1	9.5 8.846
118⅛	107⅛	Treas 12¾%	1993	115⅝	+⅛	10.8 8.902
95⅛	81⅞	Fund 6%	1993	90⅛	+⅛	6.7 8.917
125⅛	107⅝	Treas 13¾%	1993	121⅛	+⅛	11.3 8.982
129⅛	113⅛	Treas 14¼%	1994	125⅛	+⅛	11.5 8.953
120⅛	103⅛	Exch 13¼%	1994	117	+⅛	10.7 9.084
124⅛	108⅛	Exch 13½%	1994	121⅛	+⅛	11.1 9.070
103	89⅛	Treas 9%	1994	100⅜	+⅛	8.9 8.887
107⅛	92⅛	Treas 10%	1994	105	+⅛	9.5 8.943
118⅛	105⅛	Treas 12%	1995	115	+⅛	10.4 9.088
84⅛	75⅛	Gas 3%	1990-95	81⅝	+⅛	3.7 6.225
109⅛	97⅛	Exch 10¼%	1995	106⅛	+⅛	9.6 9.022
116⅛	106	Treas 12¼%	1995	113⅝	+⅛	10.8 9.107
130⅛	116⅛	Treas 14%	1996	126⅝	+⅛	11.0 9.232
102⅛	89	Treas 9%	1992-96	100⅛	+⅛	9.0 9.056
135⅛	116⅛	Treas 15¼%	1996	134⅛	+⅛	11.3 9.248
127⅛	109⅛	Exch 13¼%	1996	123⅝	+⅛	10.7 9.166
89⅛	80	Rampl 3%	1996	86⅛	+⅛	3.5 ..
108⅛	95⅛	Conv 10%	1996	105⅛	+⅛	9.5 9.081
128⅛	113⅛	Treas 13¾%	1997	124⅛	+⅛	10.6 9.229
111⅛	96	Exch 10¼%	1997	108⅛	+⅛	9.7 9.132
103⅛	89⅛	Treas 8¾%	1997	98⅛	+⅛	8.9 8.981
140	121	Exch 15%	1997	136⅛	+⅛	11.0 9.254
89⅛	76⅛	Treas 8¼%	1995-98	86⅛	+⅛	7.9 8.930
106⅛	93⅛	Exch 9¾%	1998	103⅛	+⅛	9.4 9.166
141⅛	122⅛	Treas 15¼%	1998	141	+⅛	11.0 9.413
122⅛	107⅛	Exch 12%	1998	118⅝	+⅛	10.1 9.257
106⅛	92⅛	Treas 9%	1998	103⅛	+⅛	8.9 9.250
124⅛	107	Exch 12¼%	1999	120⅝	+⅛	10.2 9.293
113⅛	98	Treas 10¼%	1999	109⅛	+⅛	9.6 9.217
111⅛	93⅛	Conv 10%	1998	107⅛	+⅛	9.6 9.206
96⅛	86⅛	Treas 8½%	2000	93⅛	+⅛	8.9 9.223
131⅛	114⅛	Treas 13%	2000	126⅛	+⅛	10.3 9.354
131⅛	89⅛	Conv 9%	2000	98⅛	+⅛	9.0 9.058
110⅛	94⅛	Treas 10%	2001	106⅛	+⅛	9.4 9.145
108⅛	92	Conv 9½%	2001	104⅛	+⅛	9.3 9.131
134⅛	112⅛	Treas 14%	1998-01	129⅛	+⅛	10.8 9.441

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

103	86⅛	Exch 9%	2002	99⅛	+⅛	9.1 9.067
110⅛	96	Conv 10%	2002	108⅛	+⅛	9.3 9.102
122⅛	107	Exch 12%	1999-02	118⅛	+⅛	10.1 9.331
109⅛	93⅛	Treas 9%	2002	104⅛	+⅛	9.3 9.128
111⅛	94⅛	Treas 10%	2003	107⅛	+⅛	9.3 9.106
136⅛	119⅛	Treas 13½%	2000-03	131⅛	+⅛	10.4 9.410
125⅛	107⅛	Treas 11¾%	2001-04	117	+⅛	10.1 9.230
111⅛	94⅛	Treas 10%	2004	107⅛	+⅛	9.3 9.109
105⅛	91⅛	Fund 3½%	1999-04	58⅛	+⅛	6.0 8.093
107⅛	91	Conv 9½%	2004	103⅛	+⅛	9.2 9.081
107⅛	90⅛	Conv 9½%	2005	103⅛	+⅛	9.3 9.073
116⅛	99⅛	Exch 10½%	2005	112⅛	+⅛	9.3 9.062
116⅛	99⅛	Exch 10½%	2003-05	112⅝	+⅛	9.3 9.126
132⅛	111⅛	Treas 12¾%	2003-05	129	+⅛	9.8 8.987
92⅛	79⅛	Treas 8%	2002-06	91	+⅛	8.8 9.096
110⅛	93⅛	Conv 9½%	2006	106⅛	+⅛	9.7 9.109
126⅛	108⅛	Treas 11¾%	2003-07	121⅛	+⅛	9.7 9.064
99⅛	85⅛	Treas 8½%	2007	95⅝	+⅛	8.9 8.954
142	121⅛	Treas 13¾%	2004-08	136⅛	+⅛	9.9 9.115
104⅛	88⅛	Treas 9%	2008	99⅛	+⅛	8.8 8.912
94⅛	80⅛	Treas 8%	2009	91⅛	+⅛	8.8 8.946
101⅛	86⅛	Conv 9%	2011	100⅛	+⅛	9.0 8.940
89⅛	68⅛	Exch 6¾%	2008-12	87⅛	+⅛	8.1 8.700
93⅛	79⅛	Treas 8¾%	2013-17	92⅛	+⅛	8.8 8.905
134⅛	116⅛	Exch 12%	2013-17	129⅛	+⅛	9.2 9.014

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45⅛	39⅛	Consols 4%		44⅝	+⅛	9.0 —
41	34⅝	War Ln 3½%		40⅜	+⅛	8.8 —
53	46	Conv 3%		51⅞	+⅛	5.9 —
34⅛	29⅛	Treas		33⅛	+⅛	8.9 —
28⅛	24⅛	Consols 2½%		28⅛	+⅛	8.7 —
28⅛	24⅛	Treas 2½%		28⅛	+⅛	8.7 —

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132	124⅛	Treas IL 2%	1988	132⅛	..	2.0 3.388
118⅛	105⅛	Treas IL 2%	1990	118⅛	+⅛	2.0 6.618
111⅛	93⅛	Treas IL 2%	1992	111⅛	+⅛	2.0 2.052
131⅛	93⅛	Treas IL 2%	1996	131⅛	+⅛	2.4 3.630
138⅛	117⅛	Treas IL 2%	2001	137⅛	+⅛	2.1 4.026
131⅛	96⅛	Treas IL 2%	2003	131⅛	+⅛	2.1 4.068
129⅛	94⅛	Treas IL 2%	2006	128⅛	+⅛	2.1 4.109
113	94⅛	Treas IL 2%	2006	101⅛	+⅛	2.1 4.063
127⅛	98⅛	Treas IL 2%	2009	98⅛	+⅛	2.1 4.050
113⅛	93⅛	Treas IL 2%	2011	89⅛	+⅛	2.1 3.988
95⅛	76⅛	Treas IL 2½%	2013	89⅛	+⅛	2.5 3.925
103⅛	83⅛	Treas IL 2½%	2016	98⅛	+⅛	2.5 3.830
101⅛	81⅛	Treas IL 2½%	2020	96⅛	+⅛	2.5 3.820
86⅛	68⅛	Treas IL 2½%	2024	75⅛	+⅛	2.5 3.735

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Shares rally

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began October 26. Dealings end today. §Contango day November 9. Settlement day November 16. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks. (VOLUMES PAGE 30)

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Chge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
440	278	Provident	372	393	+4	18.5	5.9	10.9
166	76	Ros Bros	166	176	+3	3.00	2.7	13.9
216	113	Rothschild (J) Hld	126	136	+2	4.0	3.1	7.7
445	292	Rpt Bk Scot (aa)	305	318	+4	15.6	5.1	7.7
17	7½	Schroders	9½	11	-½	22.5	2.2	15.9
643	463	Stand Chart (aa)	490	499	+5	40.0	11.6	5.2
154	98	TSB (aa)	100	103	-1	6.5	6.4	..
10½	6⅝	Unico	8½	9¼	..	0.60	7.8	9.7
575	290	Warburg Sht	305	315	..	..	..	..
193	108	Do 8% 'A'	108	113	-½	8.2	7.4	..
37½	24½	Wells Fargo	37	..	..	..	..	..
550	290	Wimpot	445	470	-10	8.5	1.9	18.0

BREWERIES

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Chge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
471	308	Allied-Lyons (aa)	338	334	+17	15.5	4.7	8.8
10½	7½	Boss (aa)	7⅜	8⅜	-⅛	2.41	3.6	14.7
77	49	Bothwell	52	61	+2	1.0	2.5	14.4
233	124	Boddington	148	153	..	5.1	3.6	15.5
296	237	Brew (Matthew)	270	285	+10	19.2p	3.1	21.5
224	131	Bulmers	152	157	+11	4.8	3.6	18.8
213	141	Burmah (H P)	152	157	..	7.0	4.5	10.4
195	156	Carlsbrewed Brew	162	169	..	4.0	2.6	25.2
355	240	Clark (Matthew)	280	290	..	12.3	2.6	15.6
287	202	Dewsnp (JA)	220	230	..	4.0	1.5	36.7
279½	150	Greenall Whitley	260	270	+1½	7.9	4.5	8.2
483	268	Greene King	447	463	..	19.0	2.6	23.1
398	237	Grantess (aa)	240	248	..	12.8p	3.2	6.7
735	473	Hardys & Hansons	715	725	..	26.4	3.6	15.9
97	66	Highland Dist	72	77	..	3.4	4.5	11.7
233	136	Invergordon Dist	155	175	-3	7.5	4.4	11.1
224	145	Irish Dist	170	180	..	6.5	3.8	23.1
124	113	Marston Thompson	113	121	..	3.5	2.7	18.4
653	346	Morland	470	480	-5	9.5	2.1	23.1
310	131	SA Breweries	287	297	..	..	..	..
270	178	Scott & New (aa)	213	217	+5	11.9	5.1	12.0
399	259	Vaux	380	388	+7	18.6	4.8	17.1
385	257	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	363	365	..	12.5	4.5	11.4
268	200	Do 'B'	255	260	..	8.5	3.2	13.9
324	218	Wolverhampton & D	298	308	..	7.0	2.6	18.3
477	274	Young A	400	420	..	11.5	2.6	23.9

BUILDING, ROADS

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Chge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
540	129	Abbey	170	220	5	..	..	..
355	222	Aberdeen Constr	329	330	..	12.1	3.7	25.9
446	266	Amec	270	274	+1	16.8	6.2	10.2
88½	29	Anglo Utd	43	51	-2	1.4	2.8	92.6
152	59	Arlington	89	100	..	2.4	2.7	21.1
400	190	Arrowcroft	208	208	+11	8.2	4.0	15.5
442½	236	BPB Ind (aa)	262	265	+7	8.5	3.3	11.4
310	97	Baggeridge Brick	185	195	-5	2.7	1.4	25.7
39	21	Barker (Ben) Constr	34	36	..	1.6	4.7	10.4
252	144	Barratt Devs	147	150	-1	3.2	2.1	10.4
327	160	Bellway	193	195	-5	10.3	5.3	10.3
205	91	Bellwinch	78	83	-2	4.4	5.4	7.3
500	134	Berkeley Gp	215	219	-10	3.4	1.6	41.5
146	55	Bett Bros	55	65	..	4.5	8.6	7.8
675	137	Blockleys	252	275	..	7.4	2.1	28.2
310	97	Blue Circle (aa)	280	283	+10	18.5	6.7	8.7
425	165	Brewton PLC	175	185	-5	8.5	4.2	..
253	96	Br Dredging	145	153	-10	6.8	4.6	27.0
81	14½	Brown & Jackson	48	50	..	..	..	..
148	79	Bryant	109	113	+2	3.8	3.7	12.1
36½	11	Bunnett & Hallam	14½	15½	..	..	..	1.6
202	125	CRH	195	196	+5	..	..	..
177	88	Calebrated Rdsey	95	105	..	5.2	5.2	12.5
373	176	Caradon	218	222	+2	8.2	3.7	13.6
183	91	Charrington Gp	107	109	+2	5.2	3.1	17.8
395	85	Clarke Chas	130	150	..	2.4	1.7	78.5
387	198	Costain	210	217	+1	12.2	5.7	7.8
402	128	Countryside	160	165	-15	2.3	1.2	20.8
202	154	Cross Hendersn	170	177	..	11.5	6.1	7.5
118	72	Crosby James	70	80	..	2.4	3.2	..
281	129	Douglas (Rbt)	170	180	..	4.1b	1.6	17.5
268	118	Erith	190	200	..	6.8	3.5	20.1
218	118	Federated Hsg	150	160	..	6.0	3.8	10.1
182	88	Fitzpatrick Gp	110	120	..	3.0	2.5	20.5
180½	92	Guilford	147	161	..	7.3	4.9	16.5
200	118	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	180	190	-10	3.0	1.7	34.4
388	348	Gleeson (MJ)	358	368	..	8.4	2.3	11.9
335	162	Hamilton Ind	245	265	-10	7.9	3.1	11.7
363	172	Henderssn	268	288	-5	11.6	3.9	27.3
151	74	Hewden-Stuart	88	91	-3	2.7	3.0	13.5
355	222	Heywood Williams	283	288	-5	13.0b	3.7	12.8
436	298	Higgs & Hill	370	375	-5	10.3	2.7	14.2
168	21	Howard Hdgs	55	60	-3	1.7	2.9	10.6
250	70	Ibstock Johnsen	113	117	-2	8.0	7.0	11.9
10½	470	James (J) & Sons	700	800	..	28.6	5.7	20.8
414	229	Laing (J)	230	238	..	8.2	3.6	7.8
414	259	Do 'A'	230	238	..	8.2	3.6	7.8
194	88	Lawrence (Walter)	91	92	..	5.6	6.3	8.9
77½	41½	Lilley (FJC)	43	44	+½	..	..	5.6
314	192	Lovell (YJ)	212	213	..	6.0	2.8	14.6
406	170	Magnet (aa)	172	177	+2	9.0	5.1	14.0
413	322	Manders	317	327	..	14.3	4.4	11.7
195	113	Marley	195	198	..	6.0	3.0	15.9
366	186	Marshalls (Halifax)	270	275	..	8.0	2.9	18.6
341	180	Mowlem (J)	242	245	..	7.8	3.2	13.1
577	380	McAlpine (Alfred)	385	395	-20	20.4	5.3	8.9
370	131	McCarthy & S	360	367	-12	4.7	1.3	16.1
486	268	Meyer, Int	337	340	+3	9.6	2.8	11.1
171	36	Miller (Stanley)	45	50	-3	1.7	3.5	10.1
547	321	Morgan (John)	329	335	-2	22.7	6.7	8.9
12½	7⅜	Newarthill	11	12	..	1.1	7.7	20.9
248	156	Newman Tonks	163	170	..	10.1	6.0	10.3
165	60	Parkinson	160	167	-5	2.5	2.4	15.2
198	95	Phoenix Timber	180	190	-5	5.1	2.7	13.5
380	270	Pochins	280	300	-5	8.0	4.6	24.8
574	341	RMC Gp (aa)	413	417	+7	13.4	3.2	13.5
167	73½	Rawlplug	82	86	+1	1.9	2.3	17.1
575	367	Redland (aa)	395	399	+8	17.6	4.4	8.4
404	210	Ruberoid	230	240	+4	8.7	3.6	10.2
638	254	Rugby Group	212	215	+5	10.5	4.9	14.1
316	183	Sandell Perkins	180	190	-15	5.9	3.1	12.1
318	136	Sharpe & Fisher	175	185	-2	4.5	2.4	17.6
138	88	Simon (J)	110	114	..	3.5	3.1	12.8
416	272	Stanley	270	273	-14	11.3	4.2	12.8
348	193	Tarmac (aa)	202	205	+7	8.7	4.3	12.8
548	267	Taylor Woodrow	317	325	+7	13.4	4.2	10.5
141	45	Apricot Computers	88	92	..	..	..	12.0
242	105	Arlen	155	165	..	2.7b	2.5	6.5
80	38	Atlantic Comp	50	54	-1	1.4	3.6	27.7
183	73	Audio Fidelity	180	185	..	6.0	3.1	12.9
238	196	Auto Sec	198	198	-2	27	1.4	14.5
468	288	BICC (aa)	308	310	+17	16.8	5.5	16.2
148	72	BSR	72	73	..	4.0	5.1	13.3
244	156	Bach	137	141	-1	4.7	3.5	12.4
294	72	Bamford	115	156	-6	..	..	..
294	156	Bowthorpe	156	158	-1	4.9p	2.9	13.1
237	72	Brammas Security	144	153	+5	2.8	1.7	..
237	209	Br Telecom (aa)	216	219	+2	11.6	5.3	10.4
155	97	Brown Boveri Kent	84	93	..	5.1	5.5	8.0
158	151	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	18	23	..	0.1	0.5	35.6
168	152	CAP Group	200	210	..	9.0	2.5	12.7
315	208	CASE	88	95	-2	2.1	2.2	53
315	208	Cable Wireless (aa)	293	298	+5	7.6	2.6	14.8
264	170	Cambridge Elec	180	183	+2	11.2	6.2	11.6
136	66	Cambridge Instr	68	78	..	1.9	1.4	7.5
117	47	Chloride	45	48	-1	1.6	3.5	12.6
204	145	Cray Elect	145	150	-5	3.3	2.4	8.6
311	189	Crystalate	178	188	..	7.3	4.1	9.8
195	73	DDT Group	78	79	-12	1.5	2.2	12.9
142	59	Data Elec	78	85	..	2.0	2.5	10.8
146	91	Dowdings	97	104	..	3.0	3.1	10.4
345	345	Do A	345	345	..	3.0	3.1	10.4
645	390	Domino	445	455	..	12.7	2.8	19.7
112	45	Downing & Mills	50	54	+2	2.4	4.4	14.2
245	146	Dunlop	146	150	-1	5.1	3.4	10.5
311	180	Electrocomponents	294	297	..	5.1	1.7	22.3
178	85	Elec Data Process	155	165	-10	2.5	1.5	28.8
208	156	Electronic Mach	195	205	..	6.4	3.1	10.2
86	46	Electronic Rentals	72	77	..	3.4	4.5	11.7
233	136	Emmerson Dust	155	175	-5	7.5	4.4	11.1
248	145	Ernest	205	210	..	9.3	3.5	22.4
273	145	Evered	265	268	+1	7.3	2.7	15.3
307	97	Exmoor	97	98	..	4.0	4.1	24.6
141	91	FII Grp	91	93	..	3.0	3.2	11.8
178	131	Ferranti	131	132	+1	4.1	3.1	13.5
178	131	Ferranti (aa)	76	78	+1	2.4	3.1	16.1
178	131	Ferranti Tech	43	48	..	1.0	2.2	8.7
206	156	GEC (aa)	184	186	+1	7.3	3.9	11.8
385	215	Garland Sanger	195	198	..	3.4	1.7	13.2
327	77	Ward Hdgs	133	140	..	2.9	2.1	17.5
395	208	Warrington	110	129	..	..	..	13.2
395	208	Watts Blake	240	250	-5	7.8	3.2	11.3
215	130	Wilcon Homes	140	145	-16	6.0	4.2	..
263	131	Wilson Bowden	132	136	+1	4.7	3.5	..
445	242	Wilson (Connolly)	275	278	-5	41	1.5	14.5
204	163	Wimpey (George)	165	170	..	7.9	4.7	9.8
189	105	YRM	109	113	..	..	..	11.5

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Chge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
173	105	Allied Colloids	111	114	+1	2.5	2.3	15.6
648	380	Amersham	378	388	+10	11.2	3.0	15.3
500	253	Anchor Chemical	439	446	-5	8.5	2.0	17.4
210	117	BTP	132	133	-2	2.0	1.5	12.6
176½	89½	Boyer DM50	91½	..	..	7.00	7.7	..
258	132	Bagden	137	142	+2	10.1	7.1	14.1
231	108	Brent Chems	116	127	+4	5.0	3.9	12.5
313	139	Canning (W)

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Income & Gth 266.8 282.6b .. 4.38
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Preference Inc 121.3 128.5b .. 9.77
Spl Co Div Inc 84.7 89.7 .. 3.98
Spl Co Gth 238.5 252.8 .. 1.11
Spec Sits Inc 123.4 130.7 .. 0.39
UK Growth 330.4 350.0b .. 2.82

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Amer Spec Sit 52.2 55.6b -0.4 1.26
International 84.4 89.9 -1.5 1.27

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01-374 6801
Americatst 38.2 40.6 -0.3 2.24
Australast 19.4 19.5 -0.9 2.12
Japan & Gen 136.5 145.3 -2.4 0.93
High Income 48.5 51.6 -0.8 6.13
International 11.5 99.8 -2.7 0.62
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Gilt/Fixed Int 21.5 23.0 .. 10.40
Global Inc 32.7 34.8 -0.4 1.47
Spec Sit 93.0 98.5b -0.7 1.57

BARCLAYS UNICORN
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7
01-534 5544
Capital 67.1 71.3 .. 3.12
Euro Gth Inc 56.9 60.5 -1.9 1.48
Extra Income 68.2 68.9b -0.5 5.36
General 141.9 150.9b -0.6 3.39
Gilt & Fixed Inc 55.0 57.6c +0.8 9.46
Income Tst 336.0 355.2 -1.3 4.22
Int Income 50.7 54.0 -0.2 3.47
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Europe 111.3 118.9 -2.1 0.30
Exempt Tst 52.4 57.0 .. 3.07
Growth & Inc 64.4 69.9 -0.1 1.50
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Japan Spec 117.1 125.9 -1.1 0.10
Japan Sm 116.5 125.6 -2.8 0.00
First Europe 101.2 108.4 .. 0.00
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Do Acc 2 139.1 146.9 .. 0.60
Smlr Inc 5 92.6 95.3 .. 1.70
Do Acc 97.5 102.6 .. 1.70

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Investment 437.5 .. .. 4.59
Fixed Int 145.2 .. .. 9.65
Deposit 100.0 .. .. 9.65

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01-588 1815
Income 409.8 .. .. 4.95
Acc 512.7185 .. .. ..
Deposit 100.0 .. .. 9.41

CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MNGRS
73/75,Basinghall St, London EC2V 5DP
01-606 6622
S/C Spec Sit 63.2 66.9 .. 0.58

CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Bristol BS2 0JH
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH
0800 373393
Amer Gth 17.2 18.3 .. 0.00
Allied Gth 20.3 21.5 .. 0.00
Dragon Gth 17.8 18.9 .. 0.00
Equity Hi Inc 50.7 54.0 .. 5.00
European Gth 22.9 24.4b .. 0.50
Gen Equity 43.6 46.7 .. 2.20
Gilt Fixed Gth 32.4 34.2 .. 9.00
Gth & Fixed Inc 24.8 26.2b .. 8.70
Int Income Tst 21.7 23.1b .. 5.40
Japan Gth 37.4 39.7 .. 0.00
Pedgree Gth 25.4 27.1 .. 3.20
Special Sits 32.7 34.8 .. 0.50

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ
01-283 7500 Dealing 01-686 9815
UK & Gen Inc 47.1 50.1 +0.3 2.28
Do Acc 47.3 50.3 +0.3 2.28
Income Inc 51.6 54.9 +2.0 3.10
Do Acc 52.5 55.8 +2.1 3.10
Worldwide Inc 39.5 42.4 -0.5 1.19
Do Acc 39.6 42.4 -0.6 1.19
Gamma Inc 39.8 42.8 -0.4 1.02
Do Acc 39.8 42.8 -0.4 1.02
Far East .. ..
Amer Gth .. ..
Euro Gth .. ..

CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW
01-852 5852
Amer Tst 107.9 115.9 -0.9 0.85
Canadian Gth 17.6 19.0 -0.7 1.50
European Tst 93.4 100.1 -0.7 ..
Growth Tst 221.0 238.9 +0.5 3.66
High Income 281.6 283.0e +2.6 5.76
Int Tech Tst 98.4 106.4 +0.6 ..
Japanese Tst 179.2 193.7 -0.7 ..

CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Reigate, Surrey RH2 9SR.
0737-242424
American Gth 44.4 47.7b -3.1 1.20
European Gth 34.5 37.0 -2.4 1.30
Euro Spec Sits 34.5 37.0 -2.4 1.30
International 36.3 38.5 -1.7 3.58
N Amer Gth 34.8 37.9 -2.4 1.60
Pacific Gth 68.1 72.4 -3.2 0.40
UK Gth Inc 61.9 67.3 .. 1.50
Do Dist 60.4 65.7 .. 0.50
UK Income 49.4 53.2 -3.0 4.60

EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh
031-226 3492
American Fd 51.7 55.5e -2.5 1.60
Capital Fd 102.0 113.2 -15.0 1.50
Eurofund 21.5 22.9 -1.2 2.16
Growth & Inc 144.1 157.2 -11.5 4.29
High Dist Fd 172.5 181.3 -10.6 5.70
International 184.9 176.9 -12.6 1.27
Pacific Fd 17.0 18.2 -1.3 0.00
Resources Fd 22.3 24.1 -1.3 0.00
Smlr Co Fd 34.4 37.1 -1.7 ..
Tokyo Fd 180.7 171.9 -8.0 0.00
Ex Amer 2 114.5 117.7e .. 2.33
Ex Japan 3 110.3 113.6 .. 0.17
Ex Pacific 1 112.3 120.3 -194 0.00
Ex Smlr Jap 4 204.4 211.0e -40.4 0.10

EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ
0242 221311
UK Balan Inc 71.6 76.0 +0.4 3.20
Do Acc 74.4 79.0 +0.4 3.20
Un Gth Acc 102.1 108.3 +1.0 2.54
UK High Inc 83.7 88.8e -0.5 4.94
N Amer Acc 61.0 65.1 -1.0 1.06
Far East Acc 92.9 100.2 -3.5 0.00
European Acc 60.6 70.4 -2.2 1.47
UK Gt/FI Inc 58.4 62.0 +1.0 8.39
Do Acc 64.0 67.9 +1.0 8.39
Int Spec Sits 34.4 36.7 -1.1 1.85

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
Admin Centre Hucclecote House Reedland
0881 5353
0706 66566
Endurance 103.0 109.6e .. 1.21

EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION
Walford Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW
0296 434466
Equit Pelican 78.0 83.0e -3.1 3.63
Equit Phoenix 89.1 91.8e -1.4 4.96
Gt/Fxd Int Inc 57.2 60.8 .. 9.06
Tst Of Inv Tsts 75.6 80.5 -1.6 1.85
Spec Sits Tst 83.2 88.6 -3.8 2.66
Nth Amer Tst 48.2 51.3 -0.3 1.73
Far East Tst 88.9 95.1 -1.2 0.46
Int Growth 45.7 48.7 -0.4 1.84
European Tst 38.9 40.5 -1.2 3.73

EQUITY & LAW
St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry
CV1 2RD
0203 553231
Uit Gth Acc 152.0 161.7e .. 3.78
Do Inc 127.6 135.7e .. 3.78
Higher Inc Acc 277.7 295.4e .. 5.02
Do Inc 212.7 226.7e .. 5.02
Gilt/Fixed Acc 110.0 115.7 .. 9.09
Do Inc 85.5 89.9 .. 9.09
N Amer Acc 102.7 109.2e .. 0.25
Far East Acc 169.7 183.4e .. 0.06
Euro Tst Acc 124.4 133.7 .. 0.95
Japan Tst 224.9 239.2e .. 0.39
Brit Excell 34.5 36.8 .. ..

F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT
1, Lawrence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA
01-623 4680
US Smlr Co 46.6 48.6e -1.2 0.16
UK Inc Fd 60.3 64.4 -0.9 4.82
Far East Fd 17.3 77.0 -2.2 0.00
Overseas Inc 58.5 60.2 -0.5 4.45
Fxd Interest 58.0 61.8 +0.5 9.95
Natural Res Fd 29.2 31.1 -0.3 0.00
European Inc 57.3 61.0 -1.8 3.71
Financials Fd 40.5 43.1 -0.5 3.48
Inc Tech Fd 66.0 93.7 -1.9 0.10

FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS
190, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA
041-332 3132
Balan Gth Acc 59.9 63.7e -2.1 ..
Do Inc 59.4 62.1e -2.1 0.40
Hi Yield Acc 29.3 31.3e +0.5 ..
Do Inc 28.5 30.3e +0.5 5.10
Inc Gth Acc 51.7 55.0 -2.0 ..
Do Inc 47.2 50.2 -1.8 4.00
Smlr Co Acc 62.4 67.4 -2.4 ..
Do Inc 62.1 66.1 -2.0 0.30
Amer Gth Acc 18.5 20.5 -0.6 ..
Do Inc 18.3 20.1 -0.6 1.00
Euro Gth Acc 15.7 16.7 -0.8 1.00
Do Inc 15.7 16.7 -0.8 0.80

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
Oakcroft Rd, Tadworth, Surrey KT20 5QG
Oakhse (0883) 414161 Dealing 0277 227300
25/1010
Amer Equity Inc 50.2 53.6 -0.4 4.22
American 39.3 95.5e -1.2 0.85
Amer Equity Acc 39.3 98.1e -0.4 4.97
Amer Spec Sit 37.2 39.8 -0.4 0.25
Australia 20.6 22.0e .. 2.49
Canadian 53.0 53.9e +0.1 ..
Emerging Asia 29.1 31.5 -0.4 4.52
Global Conv 21.3 22.7e -0.3 5.45
Far East Inc 54.4 56.6 -0.5 3.84
Gilt/Fxd Interest 39.2 ● +0.1 9.67
Growth & Inc 100.2 107.2 -4.7 4.71
High Income 93.5 99.9 -1.3 ..
Japan 152.3 144.4 -2.6 0.42
Main Interest 109.4 116.4 -2.6 5.02
Max Inc Equity 98.2 105.1 -4.0 5.02
Pacific Basin 34.6 37.1 -1.6 3.29
Ramous Name 30.9 32.9e .. 0.29
SE Asia 232.3 248.5 -11.1 0.52
Special Sits 19.4 20.7 -0.6 ..

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall,
London EC2M 5NQ
01-628 5181
Amer/Gen Inc 144.8 153.2 -3.6 ..
Do Acc 147.9 156.5 -3.7 ..
Amer Tutm Inc 148.3 156.9 -3.8 1.08
Do Acc 153.9 162.8 -3.8 1.08
Capital Inc 241.5 255.5e -4.7 2.08
Do Acc 297.7 315.0e -5.8 2.08
Capital Inc 92.8 98.1 -2.1 5.18
Do Acc 128.1 135.5 -2.9 5.18
European Inc 92.5 97.9 -1.8 1.06
European Inc Acc 93.6 99.0 -1.8 1.06
Financial Acc 40.0 42.3e -0.9 0.60
Do Inc 39.8 42.1e -0.9 0.60
Income Tst 139.2 147.2 -1.5 3.99
Do Acc 158.5 159.2 -1.6 3.99
Int Growth Inc 134.2 137.4e -2.0 ..
Do Acc 137.9 145.9e -2.2 ..
Japan/Gen Inc 89.2 94.3 -2.6 ..
Do Acc 90.1 95.3 -2.6 ..
Monthly Inc Fd 105.4 112.5e -2.6 3.46
PEP 97 53.2 56.2 -1.9 1.77
Recovery 148.6 157.2 -4.1 1.26
Do Acc 162.4 171.8 -4.5 1.26

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH
Dealing:0722 411411 Adelphi:0722 411822
Equity Dist 166.0 210.1e -11.3 2.97
Do Acc 340.5 361.4e -19.3 2.97
Euro Gen Dist 46.8 49.7 -0.3 1.01
Do Acc 46.8 49.7 -0.3 1.01
Fxd Interest Di 114.4 121.7e +0.6 10.19
Do Acc 144.7 153.9e +0.8 10.19
Int Gth Dist 47.2 50.1 -0.3 1.50
Do Acc 47.2 50.1 -0.3 1.50
Nth Amer Dist 102.7 109.1 -1.7 2.57
Do Acc 102.7 109.1 -1.7 2.57
Pac Basin Dist 152.9 162.4 -3.4 0.23
Do Acc 153.1 162.6 -3.4 0.23
Steward Dist 213.3 226.4e -13.2 1.37
Do Acc 213.3 226.4e -13.2 1.37
Steward Inc Di 46.6 49.4 -0.6 4.06
Do Acc 46.6 49.4 -0.6 4.06
N Am Steed Di 46.6 49.4 -0.6 2.01
Do Acc 46.6 49.7 -0.7 2.01

GT UNIT MANAGERS
5th Floor, 8, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ
01-283 2575 Dealing 01-626 9431
Amer Gth Spec Sit 47.8 50.9 -0.3 0.80
UK Cap Inc 101.7 108.2 -0.8 0.00
Do Acc 148.8 158.1 -0.8 3.00
Income Fd 87.2 92.6 -0.7 4.00
Recovery Fd 114.2 121.3 -0.9 0.50
US & General 40.8 43.5 -0.1 1.10
Japan & Gen 232.8 247.7 -4.7 0.10
Far East Gen 210.7 224.2 -5.4 0.10
Germany Fd 53.2 56.6e -1.1 1.10
Int Inc Fd 46.1 49.1 -0.3 5.30
Wld Spec Sit 51.2 54.5 -1.8 1.70

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St,
London EC3R 8AJ
01-626 6160 Dealing 01-623 5786 Dealing
01-623 5808 Investor Service (Freephone)
0800 289336
American Tst 92.6 97.3 -1.5 0.70
Australian Tst 29.8 22.3 -0.8 0.00
British Ass 83.0 87.7 -2.7 2.14
Common Shar 68.6 65.1 -1.8 0.75
European Tst 92.9 100.2 -3.5 0.00
Extra Income 53.5 57.5e -1.2 4.88
Far East Tst 107.0 115.1 -2.9 0.30
Fxd Interest Fd 27.0 29.1e .. 9.66
Frontier Mkts 22.9 24.6 .. 0.00
Int Fxd Interest 23.8 25.4 +0.1 9.54
Global Fd Acc 147.8 158.7e -7.4 0.40
Do Dist 139.5 150.0e -7.0 0.40
Gold Shares Tst 15.3 16.4 -0.8 0.00
Hedged Amer 29.4 31.6 -1.1 0.50
High Income 27.1 29.1e .. 4.15
Hong Kong Tst 24.6 26.5 -1.9 0.60
Income Fd 67.0 72.0e -2.1 2.22
Japan Tst 113.7 122.0 -2.2 0.00
Managed Expt 243.5 258.7e -17.1 2.51
Oil & Energy 36.4 39.0 -0.9 2.50
Spec Sit Tst 180.5 193.5e -4.2 0.00
Tst Int Gro Exc 95.0 105.3e -7.2 0.50
Cheltnham UK 22.2 23.7 -0.8 1.52

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT
Govett House, 4, Battle Bridge Lane,
London SE1 2HR
01-378 7979 Dealing:01-588 0526
Int Gth 77.8 83.2 -0.4 1.24
American Gth 49.8 53.2 -0.3 3.22
American Inc 51.9 55.5 -0.3 6.64
European Gth 47.1 50.4e -0.5 1.18
Gold & Manis 56.2 60.1 -0.4 0.56
Global 97.3 104.1 -0.5 ..
Pacific Gth 61.9 66.1 -1.7 3.39
Pacific Strat 35.7 38.2 -1.5 0.41
UK Prop Inc 61.4 65.7 -0.6 4.72
UK Spec Opps 128.2 137.1 -1.4 0.00
Gt British 31.3 33.5 +1.0 1.70

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
Regal Exchange, EC2P 2DN
01-588 1815
Gt/Fxd Interest 120.6 125.3 .. 8.86
Gth Equity 204.2 218.1 .. 2.17
Guardian 266.5 287.7 .. 2.21
N American 116.2 125.0 .. 0.00
Pacific 235.6 249.4 .. 0.00
Prop Share 317.7 336.2 .. 1.16
Smaller Co 204.3 288.2b .. 1.35
European Tst 212.1 224.5 .. 1.15

GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
PO Box 442, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ.
01-623 9333
Global Gth 34.2 36.4b -1.8 0.60
High Income 70.5 75.0b -3.2 0.92
N Amer Tst 66.6 70.9b -3.2 0.92
Pacific Gth 22.9 35.0b -0.7 0.50
Recovery 261.5 278.2b -24.8 2.81
Sit Vincent Inc 69.9 62.3 -2.2 5.78
Sit Vinc US Inc 52.3 54.9 -2.2 1.09
Temp B Sm Co 252.4 268.3 .. 2.79
Euro Gth Tst 38.1 41.4 -0.9 0.80

HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Admin: 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex.
Dealing: 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 261010
Amer Equity Inc 50.2 53.6 -0.4 4.22
Australian Tst 38.9 41.3e -0.4 0.31
Equity Income 91.7 97.3e -0.7 5.16
European Tst 76.5 81.2 -0.8 1.13
High Income 77.7 76.1e -0.4 2.66
Int Sits Tst 49.8 51.8 -1.5 0.58
Japan/Far East 98.8 104.8e -2.1 0.01
Nth Amer Tst 50.5 53.1e -0.6 1.32
Pan & Asonia 93.5 96.8 -3.0 1.07
Scandinavian 72.8 77.2 -2.5 1.00
Smlr Co 29.4 31.2e -1.1 1.67
UK New Gen 35.0 37.1 -0.8 1.21

HENDERSON Premier UT Administration Admstn 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. (0277 261010
Amer Recov 75.9 84.4c -1.3 0.50
Amer Smlr Co 33.8 36.2e -0.2 0.00
Australian 24.5 26.0 -0.2 0.00
Best of World 47.8 50.7 +0.2 2.50
Cap Gth Inc 64.9 61.4 -0.1 2.38
Do Acc 206.9 226.4e -6.0 0.88
Euro Inc Tst 39.1 42.8 -1.3 0.15
Euro Smlr Co 78.8 86.6e -2.7 0.15
Exempt Income 198.2 222.2 -4.8 5.15
Financial Tst 156.7 160.4c -5.3 1.94
Fxd Interest 54.4 59.9 +0.1 9.24
Gen Tst 41.3 44.6 +0.1 0.77
Global Health 52.2 57.7 -0.9 4.68
Global Resrce 61.2 91.4 -0.9 0.00
Global Tech 49.7 52.6 -0.3 0.01
High Income 139.8 224.2e -7.4 4.09
Hong Kong 41.1 45.1 -0.4 0.49
Inc & Gth Inc 154.2 172.1 -1.0 3.09
Do Acc 312.7 346.8 -6.1 3.09
Income Assst 107.9 120.5 -0.8 3.96
International 139.1 153.0e -7.1 0.35
Jap Spec Sits 175.4 191.2e -7.5 0.00
Japan Tst 163.8 178.6 -7.1 0.00
Nth American 165.7 117.8 -0.8 0.56
Pacific Spcl Co 59.5 64.9e -4.2 0.00
Prof & Gth 55.1 61.7 +0.1 9.20
Recovery Tst 114.2 132.3e -7.3 1.26
Sing & Malay 27.0 29.5 -1.6 0.20
Smlr Co Div 148.9 169.5e -4.9 3.66
Smlr Co Inv 148.8 169.5e -4.9 3.66
Special Sits 151.2 173.1 -5.5 1.00
Worldwide 353.4 429.5e -51.5 1.14
Euro Expt 102.0 109.0e -3.8 1.86
Global Fxd Expt 114.4 121.7e -4.3 0.00
High Inc Exempt 143.4 147.9 -2.4 3.51
Japan Expt 159.7 169.4 -5.5 0.01
N Amer Expt 69.1 74.5 -2.6 0.00
Pacific Exempt 149.7 160.0e -5.4 0.00
Smlr Co Exempt 159.7 169.6 -2.1 1.56
Best of Brit 38.8 34.2e +0.2 0.00
Spirit Of East 32.3 35.4e -1.9 2.79

HILL SAMUEL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon
CR9 5BA 01-680 8000
British Insti 51.4 54.4b .. 3.23
Capital Units 92.9 98.4 .. 2.80
Dollar Units 162.2 181.1b .. 1.68
European 111.5 118.0 .. 0.00
Fast Tst 119.1 126.1 .. 2.23
Financial 347.3 367.6e .. 2.40
Gilt Interest Inc 37.5 39.6 .. 8.30
Do Acc 40.0 42.3 .. 8.30
High Yield 71.1 75.3 .. 5.02
Income 84.7 89.7e .. 4.46
Insurance 116.9 122.8 .. 1.97
Japan Tech 43.0 45.5 -0.1 0.00
Nat Resource 39.4 41.7e .. 1.41
Security 178.7 189.2 .. 3.01
Smaller Co 108.4 112.6e .. 1.04
Spec Sits 98.1 103.9 .. 2.25
US Smlr Co 42.5 45.0 .. 0.00

IBI FUND MANAGERS
35, Basinghall Street London EC4 1QH
01-256 4218
Gilt & Gtd Inc 127.8 135.1e .. 1.75
Inc Plus 88.2 72.2e .. 9.57
Pac Basin 57.2 60.4e .. 0.00
Int Tst Fnd 75.7 80.2e .. 1.20

KEY FUND MANAGERS
Bridge House, Station Road, Hythe Kent CT21 5AJ
0303 64778
Equity & Gen 49.5 52.8 -0.6 0.83
Gt/Fxd Interest 66.7 72.1 -0.8 9.57
Higher Inc 128.5 137.2 -1.7 4.51
Inc Tst 76.5 81.5 -1.0 4.50
International 49.4 52.8a -1.2 0.55

KLEINWORT BARRINGTON LIMITED
10 Fenchurch St London EC3
01-623 8000 Dealing:01-929 0776
Income Funds
Gth Yield Inc 111.5 114.9 -0.3 8.22
Inc Growth 208.3 214.5 -0.4 6.16
Global Inc 123.3 131.2e +0.2 6.16
Do Acc 214.1 227.7 +0.5 6.16
High Yield Inc 95.7 101.9e -0.4 6.68
Do Acc 201.0 213.8e -0.7 6.68
Capital Gth Funds
Am Sm Co Inc 41.1 43.7 +0.3 0.69
Do Acc 42.2 44.9 +0.3 0.69
N American Inc 40.6 43.2 +0.2 1.11
Do Acc 47.3 50.3 +0.2 1.11
European Inc 62.0 65.9 -0.2 2.10
Do Acc 99.7 106.1 -0.3 2.10
Fd Of World Inc 21.9 23.3 +0.2 1.74
Do Acc 28.5 30.3 +0.2 1.74
General Inc 157.1 167.1 -2.7 3.49
Do Acc 218.7 232.7 -3.7 3.49
Pac Basin Inc 110.4 117.5 -1.7 1.64
Do Acc 110.5 117.5 -1.8 1.64
Japan Inc 218.0 231.9 -1.7 0.26
Japan Gth Acc 220.4 234.5 -1.8 0.26
Japan Smlr Co 102.0 108.5 -0.5 0.05
Do Acc 102.0 108.5 -0.5 0.05
Master Acc 127.3 135.5e -0.9 0.63
Pacific Inc 139.0 140.4e -0.1 0.63
Do Acc 148.2 157.7e -0.1 0.63
Planned Invest 127.3 135.5e -0.9 0.63
Smlr Co Inc 96.6 104.9 -1.5 1.46
Do Acc 118.3 125.9 -1.8 1.46
UK Eq Gth Inc 84.5 89.9 -1.3 0.22
Do Acc 90.9 43.5 -1.4 0.22

LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
St. George's House, Guildford
0483 39115
Int Gth 31.5 33.5e -0.5 0.85
Income & Gth 51.8 55.2 -0.5 4.70
N Amer Equity 19.1 20.3 -0.2 0.00
Far East Inc 44.7 47.6e -1.2 1.70
Japan 47.5 50.6 -1.3 ..
European 35.2 37.4 -1.2 0.91
Extra Income 19.8 20.8e -0.1 6.00
Far Eastern 17.9 18.1 -0.5 0.00

LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
8, Rayleigh Road, Brentwood Essex
Brentwood (0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 261010
Equity Dist 282.5 278.3 -14.5 2.47
Do Acc 422.7 443.9 -21.7 2.47
Income Dist 70.5 75.0 -3.0 0.27
European 59.1 62.9e -2.7 0.96

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Nelstar Gth 70.3 72.1e +0.4 8.65

Britannia Arrow (Formerly County Unit Trusts)
Trusted
Europe 56.6 59.9e -1.4 0.42
Extra Inc 183.3 193.5e -1.8 5.38
Financial 168.3 178.0 -2.5 2.97
Global Inc 56.7 58.9e -1.0 5.86
Gth Co 278.9 295.1 +1.6 3.21
Income Gth 42.8 45.2e -0.1 4.58
Int Recovery 129.5 126.5 -2.1 2.70
Japan Gth 185.8 193.6e -4.3 0.00
N Amer Gth 198.2 209.4e -1.1 1.75
Prec Tst 1.4 1.5 -0.1 0.00
Spec Sit Acc 310.7 328.7 -11.2 2.52

MLA UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
1, Sessions House Square, Maidstone.
0622 674751
American 21.3 22.6 -0.5 1.10
Emerging 16.5 17.5 -0.2 0.93
International 44.8 48.9e -1.0 1.00
Gth Unit 123.3 133.8 -3.1 0.77
Hi Tech 59.4 59.6 -0.5 1.27
Income 55.9 59.6 -0.5 4.96
Managed Fd 63.7 67.1 .. 4.07
Preference Inc 38.6 41.5e +0.1 7.49
Do Acc 134.9 145.0e +0.4 7.49
Scottish Co 75.9 79.7e -14.3 1.12
Pres Canada 35.3 38.5 -4.3 0.10
Pres Commod 38.8 40.2 -1.4 0.00
Pres Europe 44.1 47.0 -0.9 1.25
Pres Gold 45.1 47.9 -3.1 0.09
Pres HK 25.3 28.2 -3.8 0.00
Pres Japan 97.2 100.7 -4.4 0.00
Pres S/Mkt 31.2 33.4 -0.7 0.70
Prestige UK 77.2 80.0 -10.5 1.54
Prestige US 53.7 55.6 -3.6 1.57

NATIONAL PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGERS
48, Gracechurch St, EC3P 3HH
01-623 4200 Ext 2645
UK 200.8 213.7e -14.0 1.70
Do Acc 334.3 356.7e -23.2 1.70
Overseas 527.9 561.7 -15.1 1.10
Do Acc 650.9 692.5 -18.6 0.00
Far East Acc 91.7 97.3 -1.2 1.50
American Acc 51.9 55.3 -1.2 1.50

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Biddenham House, Portsmouth
0705 827733
American Acc 22.4 23.8a .. 1.56
Australia Acc 99.0 105.3 -2.3 2.19
Conscience Inc 39.5 38.9 -0.4 2.58
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COMMERCIAL VEHICLES FOCUS A SPECIAL REPORT

After the bumps, a smoother ride

The future looks better for European truck manufacturers, as more companies move back into profit. But possible Japanese incursions to the market pose a threat

The problems of the European truck industry are far from solved but undoubtedly conditions are steadily improving. If the war is not over yet as production capacity still outstrips demand, at least the worst battles are over.

Demand for heavy trucks over 15 tonnes gross vehicle weight (gvw) has recovered over the last five years and the decline of the 3.5 to 6.0 tonne gvw class has been compensated by modest growth in the higher 6.0 to 15.0 tonne gvw sector. Commercial vehicles sales in Europe last year, at 1,418,000 were 20 per cent higher than in 1982.

The enforced retreat from the Middle East and many African markets continues to ensure fierce competition within Europe. In the heavy truck sector there is a silver lining, though, because the competition is reckoned to deter any imminent Japanese attack in a part of the market where today it has no real presence. The Japanese strength is in the light vehicles and this will continue to grow. Data Research Inc. forecasts that by the mid-1990s Japanese-designed light commerical vehicles will have 40 per cent of the market.

Bedford had already replaced its vans up to one tonne with Isuzu and Suzuki



Fiat's Agnelli: backing

products before the recently announced joint Bedford/Isuzu venture, which will see all products developed from Japanese designs.

Nissan production from its Spanish Iberica company has risen to 29,000 annually and Suzuki four-wheel drive vehicles now account for a significant share of the output from Land Rover Santana. Mercedes already has a licence agreement with Mitsubishi for vans from its Spanish plant and this has been extended to a whole range of light vans.

Through the worst of the recession in the European truck industry, only Volvo and Scania were able to keep their truck operations in the black, but now Iveco is producing respectable profits and Daf and MAN are returning modest profits. Since the cleaning of the financial slate for Leyland before its merger with Daf, it is the state-owned Renault Vehicles Industriels that remains most heavily in debt.

Most of the restructuring in the industry has taken place and what remains to be done is regarded by experts as almost the tidying up of loose ends. With Bedford's demise, the merger of Iveco and Ford in Britain and Leyland and Daf, attention falls on Enassa.

Though the state-owned Spanish truck maker has a 100 per cent shareholding in Oldham-based Seddon Atkinson, the company is almost totally dependent on its home market. A deal to market MAN medium-weight trucks in Spain and the joint development of a premium cab with DAF has done little to relieve the pressure on Enassa in Spain from Renault and Nissan in particular.

Completion of the rationalization of the European truck industry should be seen as no more than necessary preparation for an even bigger upheaval: the creation of an open or unified market within the European Community by 1992. The haulage industry will feel the draught of free competition but the truck manufacturers know their future prospects are undeniably linked to the leading truck users.

The top truck makers have a lot to lose in their domestic markets, where they have established massive dominance on the back of a haulage industry ably protected by local legislation and operating conditions. Iveco has a 66.9 per cent share of the Italian over-six-tonne gvw truck market. In the same weight range Daimler Benz has a 61.7 per cent share of the large West German market and RVI has 40 per cent of the French truck market. By comparison, the market leaders in Britain, Iveco Ford and Leyland Daf, each have less than 20 per cent of the heavy truck market.

Should the politicans achieve their aim of a free market for trade in Europe, Italy and Germany will probably suffer the greatest freeing of the haulage industry and therefore Iveco and Daimler Benz in particular, seem set to lose more than they might gain. Fiat's chief, Gianni Agnelli, has given his public backing to the opening of the national boundaries, so Iveco will have to make the best of it. Since merging with Ford in Britain, it has taken over as market leader, although Leyland Daf is notably close behind.

In the car industry, the open market in 1992 is confidently expected to boost demand because the VAT charged on cars will probably be brought down to less than 20 per cent, compared with 28 per cent in France and 38 per cent for cars over two litres in Italy. Other countries such as Britain will have to abandon their "luxury" taxes on cars. These benefits will not be felt in the truck industry.

However the experts are concerned about the possible spin-off from the simultaneous move to single technical regulations and the end to national-type approval for new trucks.

Sanjay Dabysing, director of automotive research at DRI, believes that making Europe into a single market will in fact make it an easier target for Japanese manufacturers.

Clearly with these thoughts in their minds executives from both Daf and Iveco openly criticized the decision by Daimler Benz to develop a new range of light vans jointly with Mitsubishi for production in Spain. Both felt that the West German giant should have found a European partner, although it is hard to believe that Daimler lacked the resources to do the job on its own.

Whatever the outcome of the open market in 1992, it is unlikely that Daimler Benz will lose its massive lead in the over-six-tonne gvw market, where its market share is more than 25 per cent and a lead of almost 20,000 registrations on its closest rival Iveco. But if Japanese heavy trucks were to appear on the scene, they would be as unwelcome as they would be tough to compete against. The experience of European light trucks producers has already confirmed it.

Daniel Ward
Motor Industry Correspondent

John Rogers



Cross-continental commuters: Alan Blyth, left, and Robert Slaney carry freight from Scotland via Dover and throughout Europe. They work in an industry that is ably protected by local legislation and operating conditions



Diesel models set the trend

The diesel engine has been slow to catch on in the large commercial vehicle sector for car-derived vans, *writes Daniel Ward*. Until recently the role of the small van hopping short distances around residential roads was wholly wrong to make good use of the longevity of a diesel and earn the returns needed given the high initial-cost premium compared with a petrol engine.

Small numbers of largely Peugeot diesels were the only oil-burners to appear in this sector dominated by the Escort-class vans from the Big Three domestic car makers. Now there are more than 10 diesel-engine models in the class and in the first nine months of 1987 diesels accounted for about half the 69,420 car-derived vans sold in Britain. The home-built diesel vans compete against Continental imports including the Peugeot 205 and 304 models, the Renault R5 and Extra, the Citroen Visa and VW Golf.

From the British manufacturers it was Vauxhall which took the lead by introducing a 1.6-litre diesel Astra van in 1982 when it sold just 272. The next year the diesel version accounted for 33 per cent of Astra van registrations and the level has not since fallen below 40 per cent.

The diesel Astra however has been pushed into third place among the oil-burners by the newest model, the Austin Maestro diesel. It was launched last September with a two-litre engine based on the O-series petrol engine but with help from Perkins it has been developed into the only direct-injection diesel in its class.

Sales of the diesel Maestro have risen quickly and in this year's January-September period sales reached 9,483, a surprising 90 per cent of all Maestro van sales. By comparison Ford lead the market, selling 11,904 diesel Escorts, 54.4 of total Escort van registrations in the first eight months of 1987.

The smaller vans in the car-derived class have always sold in more modest numbers, although the diesel Fiesta still accounts for 43 per cent of the model's sales.

As the latest generation of lighter car-engine-based diesels has come on the market with excellent reliability and fuel economy at a reduced cost premium over the petrol engine than previously, so van users have bought diesels enthusiastically.

The Post Office has led the way among leading small van users. Already it has 7,000 Escort diesels and a small number of Maestro diesels in a van fleet of 13,000 vehicles. By the end of 1987, 60 per cent of car-derived vans will be diesel-powered, moving to 100 per cent within three years.

The gains of diesel are graphically illustrated by the fuel consumption of a diesel van in the hands of the PO, which achieves more than 45 mpg, compared with less than 30 for a similar petrol-engined vehicle.

For manufacturers, the biggest target for diesels is the British Telecom fleet of 23,000 "mobile tool boxes". BT drivers will never wear out the diesel engines because they cover only about 6,000 miles a year but the successful trial of 70 Escort diesels is proof that on fuel costs, resale value and reliability alone the diesel has become a tough rival for the petrol engine.

Saving money will always remain in fashion.

There is no business quite so volatile as the world of fashion, and Mike Daly, MD of Daly Transport Services, is well aware of it.

"We are now moving around 750,000 garments a week," he says, "and when we started seven years ago with one second-hand Mercedes 406 I'd never have predicted that. But the fantastic success of our major clients like the Burton Group and C&A has meant we've grown with them."

But for Daly Transport Services' transport needs, only one designer suits. Mercedes-Benz.

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Keeping Britain's wheels turning



Iveco's Garuzzo: Turbostar cab is "a masterpiece"

Today's message from Britain's commercial vehicle makers and importers is that the British economy — and the sadly contracted manufacturing sector in particular — is truly on the mend.

Sales of vans and trucks, from the micro delivery vans to the juggernauts, provide a clear snapshot of the state of the nation. They confirm the extent of the consumer boom in the high street, bigger factory output and rising exports.

Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders figures for the first nine months of this year show that total sales of all commercial vehicles including buses and coaches, rose by nearly seven per cent on a year earlier to 241,299, with the importers' share declining from a fraction under 40 to 38 per cent.

Sales of light vans — the everyday mainstay of the high street — delivering anything from flowers to television sets, bread to letters — rose by more than four per cent to 79,995. The market for medium vans, led by the ubiquitous and continuingly successful Ford Transit, was up over 10 per cent to 104,273. Sales of trucks and heavy articulated lorries increased in the nine months by more than six per cent to 43,903.

The figures demonstrate how the commercial vehicle continues to be an essential element of day-to-day life in Britain and that, more than in the rest of Europe, Britain is a road-based economy. Almost everything we buy or use is delivered by road.

Throughout Europe, manufacturers and importers, led by the Japanese who have successfully bombarded the small van and pick-up market, are competing to provide the most cost-efficient vehicles at the best price. The UK and Europe generally also provide some of the most sophisticated commercial vehicle markets in the world. Trans-continental trucks are now fitted with cabs whose interiors rival those of luxury cars as drivers demand more and more comfort.

Signor Giorgio Garuzzo, Iveco's managing director, describes the cab of the Iveco Turbostar, like the cabs of the best of its rivals, as "in the same class as the most luxurious motor cars as regards suspension, systems for cutting out engine vibration, air-conditioning and accessories. The air-sprung seat is "a masterpiece of modern engineering, at a reasonable cost."

For the commercial vehicle market as a whole, most predictions for Europe are bullish in the short term. Professor Garel Rhys, Professor of motor industry economics at the Cardiff Business School of the University of Wales, said: "Sales have recovered this year and there is a very good chance that the total European market for heavy trucks will be over 400,000. This is not far short of the 1979-80 level which occurred just before the bottom fell out of the market."

Bearing in mind the onerous legislation that covers commercial vehicle manufacture and use in Europe, the length of time that elapses before vehicles are replaced is seven to eight years, so now is the time that an upsurge could be expected.

For the European producers, the call of the huge American market has been the main export impetus beyond the boundaries of the European Community. With the Far Eastern markets plundered by the Japanese, truck-makers have turned to North America. In the US heavy truck sector, Volvo, which has already bought White, is taking management control of a joint company with GM. Mercedes-Benz has bought Freightliner in the US and is building 90 premium trucks a day and Mack Trucks has joined with Renault.

The British, however, are unrepresented. The UK industry, more than others, has undergone massive restructuring in recent times, and, unlike the car industry, there has been one big player who has effectively pulled out of the game: General Motors.

The takeover of Ford's operations by Iveco, the Fiat subsidiary, and the controversial merger of Leyland Vehicles with Daf of the Netherlands, effectively has put an end to indigenous British heavy commercial vehicle-making on a grand scale.

Professor Rhys said: "What has happened to the UK commercial vehicles is nothing short of an industrial disaster. Until the 1970s we were the second strongest truck-maker to the US; even the mighty Mercedes was worried about the flexibility of the old Leyland company. Now that has gone — it is an utter disaster."

On the heavy truck side, however, the European industry, said Professor Rhys, is effectively a duopoly, with Mercedes Benz and Iveco controlling about 50 per cent of sales.

Sgr Garuzzo commented: "In any European country, any individual or company customer thinking of buying trucks will seek advice from almost all the big European manufacturers, which means that the competition is unlimited. For this reason I believe that apart from some exceptions for special-purpose vehicles, there is no longer any reason in Europe for promoting purely national truck manufacture and governments are now aware of this.

"It is no longer possible to support national industries just for reasons of prestige."



Professor Rhys: "Sales have recovered this year"

Edward Townsend
Industrial Correspondent

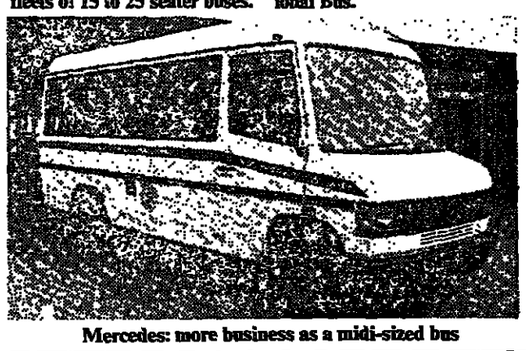
Bus business gives a boost as the midi comes into its own

The large panel van has always been a specialist vehicle occupying a small niche in the commercial vehicle market in the shadow of the 7.5-tonne gvw chassis-cab truck. But in recent years the big van has suffered a steady loss in popularity, *writes Daniel Ward*. Annual registrations slumped to fewer than 4,500 units by early 1986.

Yet the van class has now received an injection of fresh demand — orders for midi-buses. Since the Government deregulated bus services in 1986, the big panel van has become the base vehicle for fleets of 15 to 25 seater buses.

The market has expanded to about 5,500 vans a year in Britain; industry estimates that almost 2,500 of the vans are being converted to midi buses.

Many bus operators have a buy-British policy, which has clearly helped the former Dodge operation, now Renault Truck Industries (RVI), to head the market for PSVs. It is selling 1,000 Renault 50 series annually for midi-bus operations, compared with Mercedes' 600 registrations, although the West German company had an order last year for 1,000 T2 vans for National Bus.



Mercedes: more business as a midi-sized bus

Iveco's Zeta panel van ,sold under the Iveco Ford banner, has a 20 per cent share of the PSV sector, achieving sales of 500 a year. Behind Iveco comes the stylish Optaire mini bus, which has met with some success.

Thierry Brisson, RVI's UK marketing executive, forecasts that the PSV sector will remain strong for the next two years until initial demand for midi buses has been satisfied and then registrations will fall back as manufacturers serve the replacement market. Mr Brisson adds: "We don't expect any overall boost to the panel van market."

This view is shared by Mercedes. Its truck product marketing manager, Alan Grigg, says there is no sign of a trend from light trucks to heavy vans.

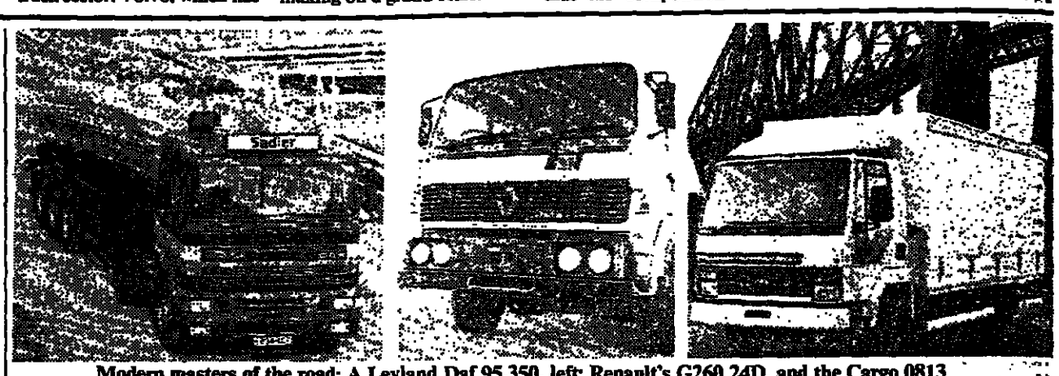
The panel van has a well-defined role as a distribution vehicle, particularly suited to parcel delivery, where the driver can walk back from the cab to the load-carrying area.

Only one in eight commercial vehicles in the 3.5 to 7.5 tonne gvw sector is a large panel van. For January-September this year, 16,000 vehicles were registered in the sector but 11,750 were trucks in the 7.4 to 7.5 tonne gvw niche. Of the 250 vans sold in this weight class , Mercedes dominated with half the sales followed by Iveco (40 per cent) and Renault (10 per cent).

Between 3.5 and 7.4 tonne gvw, almost half the 4,000 vehicles sold so far this year have been large vans. The sales are more evenly split between the three leading players. Mercedes again heads with a 45 per cent share, Renault 35 per cent and Iveco 15 per cent. The figures are approximate.

Renault that estimates more than half the annual sales of 2,500 50-series vans go to PSVs and almost a third are registered as panel vans. Given the high investment needed to build an integral van it seems likely that the leading manufacturers will face any threat from newcomers in the future.

The major PSV role for the 50 series van has encouraged Renault to upgrade the brakes, to discs for longer brake pad life. Performance has also improved. The top Iveco Zeta model is powered by a six-cylinder, 135-bhp diesel.



Modern masters of the road: A Leyland Daf 95.350, left; Renault's G260 24D, and the Cargo 0813

What happened to the world's great lorry-maker?

The big and most far-reaching events in the European commercial vehicle industry in recent years have been the abandonment on a large scale of indigenous, British-owned medium and heavy truck making, *writes Edward Townsend*. Ford decided that its future lay in the merger with Fiat's Iveco subsidiary, GM has pulled out altogether and Leyland has gone Dutch with, effectively, a takeover by Daf.

Apart from the small independent ERF, the UK truck-manufacturing industry is now in foreign hands.For the nostalgic, the saddest chapter in the saga of restructuring was the demise as an entity of Leyland Trucks, the once-proud 1950s maker of the claim that it was the world's biggest lorry-producer.

But even allied to Daf, there are doubts that the new organization is big enough to compete with the majors in the business. Iveco-Ford has about 22 per cent of the European market behind Mercedes Benz with 28 per cent. Renault is next with some 13 per cent, followed by Volvo with eight per cent. Leyland Daf, Sweden's Scania and Man of West Germany all continue to hover around the seven per cent mark.

In the UK, however, the Anglo-Dutch wedding — which cost Daf a dowry of £680 million — has given Leyland a new lease of life — and rid the Government of one of its heaviest millstones. At the time of the takeover, Leyland was losing about £1.5 million a week, but according to its Dutch management, the combined group is now making a profit.

Aart van der Padt, the Daf president, who is already talking about seeking a listing on the UK and Dutch stock markets for the new company by the end of the decade, said that productivity at Leyland's assembly plant in Lancashire has risen by a tenth.

Both Mr van der Padt and Graham Day, whose Rover Group owns 40 per cent of the joint company, expected it to be in the black from the start.

Output at the Leyland factory this year is expected to rise from 10,000 in 1986 to nearer 12,000 this year from a capacity of about 14,000. And there is the possibility of a deal with Paccar of the US to sell 3,000 Leyland-built Roadrunner trucks a year in America.

Professor Garel Rhys of Cardiff University said: "Leyland Daf does seem to have got its costs right; customers are coming back to Leyland vehicles and Daf has bought itself a major hold on one of Europe's biggest markets."

There is a possibility, he believes, that the eventual replacement for the Roadrunner will be designed and built in Britain — which would confound those who warned that all future developments would be in the Netherlands — because "the Dutch just don't have the expertise at the lighter end."

For Daf, much hope is now pinned on its new 95 series of heavy, long-distance trucks.

Daf, which has recognized the problems of acceptance of the Roadrunner and the Freight Rover Sherpa van in continental European markets, is actively seeking partners for the development of a Sherpa replacement on which it has pledged to spend £75 million over the next five years.

The current timescale for the new van is a launch date in 1990 and a production target of 40,000 a year, twice the present output of Sherpas, which are assembled by 1,800 workers at Freight Rover's Birmingham plant.

In the case of Iveco Ford, the new link has also proved successful. Alan Fox, the UK company's commercial director, said: "We have achieved a market share and profitability that is consistent with our plan. We divide the market into 12 sub-sectors from 3.5 tonnes to the big tractors and we have increased our sales in all of them."

In August, Iveco Ford registered 25 per cent more trucks than Leyland Daf and at the end of that month led the field with a 23.1 per cent share in the UK.

Like Leyland, Ford is cast as the lightweight-truck-maker in its partnership with the Cargo range, built at Ford's integrated manufacturing plant at Langley in Berkshire. Progressive increases in production there should result in the plant's making 14,000 trucks this year, a mark of Iveco Ford's long-term commitment to UK production. Investment is planned to continue at between £5 million and £10 million a year.

The Cargo, which dominates the 7.5-tonne sector in the UK, has recently been improved in a further bid to capture sales resulting from the GM decision to close its Bedford truck operation in January. The new cargo is the first British truck to have all-round disc brakes.

Mr Fox said that Iveco Ford had introduced 13 new trucks since it began and recent announcements, including new derivates of its Italian Turbostar heavy trucks, gave the company 98 per cent coverage of the market.

Manufacturer	Netherlands %	Belgium %	France %	UK %	West Germany %
Daimler-Benz (Mercedes)	20.1	25.8	19.9	14.0	60.2
DAF & Leyland	29.1	18.1	5.9	22.8	0.8
Volvo	15.8	17.9	9.2	10.7	1.8
Scania	13.5	11.9	5.4	5.0	2.6
RVI	1.9	5.9	40.3	8.7	1.0
Iveco/Ford	6.0	9.3	15.8	23.1	12.8
MAN	9.0	9.3	2.3	1.0	19.0
Others	4.6	1.8	1.2	14.7	1.8

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ERF, last of the British heavyweights

"The harder your trucks have to work for a living, the harder it will be to ignore ERF," says the latest advertising blurb from Britain's last remaining independent heavy truck maker.

The good, solid Cheshire sentiment, is echoed in other claims as the Sandbach company launches its new E series range to carry it, hopefully, successfully into the 1990s. There is a "new sense of purpose" at ERF, it says, and how could any potential purchaser ignore the fact that "ERF trucks have always had a reputation for having the best brakes of any truck on the road."

ERF, formed in 1930 as a breakaway operation from the original Foden company, has had a chequered history but has managed to remain fiercely independent. While it is a publicly-quoted company, 40 per cent of the shares are still in the hands of Mr Peter Foden, the chairman and chief executive, and members of the family.

The only other small companies in the heavy truck game were Foden itself, now owned by the American company Paccar, and Seddon Atkinson, once bought by International Harvester but now part of Enasa, the Spanish government-owned motors group.

ERF has now found renewed strength with the launch of its new E range of 16 tonners — subsequently expanded to include 14, 15, and 17 tonners — and seems set on a course of continuing profitability.

In the early 1980s, following the peak year of 1979, ERFs' fortunes floundered and it ran up losses of about £11.5 million in the 1985-86 recession. Since then, it has moved into break-even and in 1985-86 recorded a pre-tax profit of £1,272,000 on a turnover of £71 million. In the last year, largely as the result of spending on the new range, profits dipped to £718,000, while turnover increased to £75.9 million.

For the current year, Mr Foden is "quietly confident" that results will be improved significantly. Certainly the stock market likes ERF; the share price has risen 4-5 times in the last 18 months.

The all-important E series was launched in the spring of last year but only started to catch attention in the autumn. "We went to the Motor Show a bit depressed because nobody was buying the bloody thing," says Mr Foden. "But then we saw some activity and by Christmas there was some real increase in sales."

A year ago, ERF was making eight vehicles a day — now it is up to 16. Earlier this year, Mr Foden told the Commons Trade and Industry Select Committee that he would be creating another 100-150 jobs at the Sandbach factory over the next three years and by injecting another £20 million into the UK component industry would provide an extra 1,000 more jobs at suppliers.

Orders books were at their highest level for seven years and the recovery had been so rapid that last November ERF had cut its workforce by about 50.

In his recent annual report, Mr Foden said: "The translation of higher sales into higher profits is of course of paramount importance to our future. Financial stability and the need to invest in the future is our objective. The shareholders will, after a long and patient wait, see a light at the end of the tunnel."

The ERF revival has resulted not only from the success of the new E range but also from improved UK competitiveness with the weakening of the pound against most European currencies and improved economic conditions at home, plus the departure of GM's Bedford from the heavy vehicle market and the Daf/Leyland merger which has helped to bring demand and supply more into balance.

ERF, says Mr Foden, is a niche marketer with a simple philosophy that at last seems to be paying off. "We have been building trucks for over 50 years and we have the ability to buy the best equipment and put it all together properly." ERF's major suppliers are all UK subsidiaries of American owned companies — Cummins, which supplies engines, Eaton for gearboxes and Rockwell for axles.

In the first eight months of this year, ERF's sales stood at 1,483, an impressive 45 per cent increase on a year earlier, and Mr Foden now claims 15 per cent of the UK heavy truck market — "and that might make a few of our continental friends look a bit sideways at us."

ERF has never managed to crack the European market, preferring in the past to the traditional British markets such as South Africa, Kenya, Zambia, New Zealand and the Middle East. Most of these markets currently are depressed, particulary the oil producing states where revenues have slumped.

But South Africa remains a buoyant market and Mr Foden is keen to maintain the ERF assembly and distribution company there, despite the pressures on UK companies to quit South Africa or sell out. "It is successful operation and has been very profitable. Unless we are forced to go, we are going to stay there. We do not believe that by pulling out would serve any useful purpose."

At home, the E series has received rave reviews from the specialist press. Truck magazine described it as "sparkling" and providing "outstanding economy", a truck that "tells you it's something special the moment you set eyes on it."

It added: "Once again the standards of the industry have been given a budge upwards, and it's satisfying to record that impetus comes not from an inter-continental giant, but a small, independent producer."

In common with others in the business, Mr Foden sees demand continuing to be brisk this year and well into 1988. "In 12 months' time we may see a slowing down, but we don't think it will be very significant."

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Sic Transit glorious: **Edward Townsend** on the van whose name is almost a generic term

Hail the leader of the vans

Though the title of "Britain's best-loved van" does not possess the ring of eternal greatness, it is an accolade of which Ford is proud. The Transit, affectionately known as the Tranny, is to vans what the Cortina was to cars.

Two million Transits have been produced in 22 years and the name has become almost the generic term for this type of transport. Competitors have been gnashing their teeth with fury for a generation, but none has yet toppled the Transit from its pedestal.

Today there is a new Transit, and it too is soaring to the heights of popularity. Like the Land Rover, the Transit van represents a truly inspired piece of design, backed by good technology and superior marketing. It has even driven academics to euphoria.

Writing in *New Society*, Professor Reyner Banham said: "Bury a Transit for posterity! Seriously, if anthropologists and archaeologists continue to insist on evaluating civilizations by their artefacts, we deserve to be remembered by the Ford Transit, the Pantechnicon Extraordinary of the Way We Live Now."

The secret of the Transit's phenomenal success is that it created its own market. BT (before transit) there were cramped, utilitarian, small vehicles without windows that were called vans, or there were equally bone-shaking light lorries. Ford decided vans should be just as easy and amenable to drive as cars — and came up with Project Redcap, the original code name for the Transit. The initial model line-up consisted of 78 varieties ranging from the bare chassis to 15-seater buses.

Early designs, notes Ford's official history of the Transit, had "all the grace of a steel packing crate."

But the Transit was destined to become ubiquitous. "With its exceptionally broad range of power-train, wheelbase, and payload combinations, and a 3.5-tonne gross weight limit, the rugged, reliable Transit has been specially equipped to carry just about everything from rubbish, ice creams and corpses to high explosives, plate glass, cement mixers, and pistol packing security guards.

> ❛ Exceptionally broad range ❜

"It has been estimated that Ford could build Transits for the next 30 years without repeating a single specification."

The Transit has been everything from a refuse vehicle to an ambulance, a mobile police station to a cattle carrier, a school bus to a fire engine. Dinky Toys made the first model of a Transit in 1965, priced at 9s 11d (about 50p) and it has become the most-modelled Ford after the Model T.

It is not surprising that the Transit has continued, with its new body, to be as popular as ever. In the first nine months of the year, it registered 43,612 sales, up by 38 per cent on the same period of a year earlier.

In contrast, the Freight Rover Sherpa — produced by Leyland Daf — experienced a rise of 8.67 per cent, to 13,012.

Last year, Ford's share of the European van market rose from 11.9 per cent to 12.8 per cent of a market.

It is a market that has seen much restructuring and jockeying for position. While Daf has said it will raise the investment for a replacement of the Sherpa, General Motors — frustrated in its attempt to take over Leyland and Land Rover — has said that a combination of Bedford and Freight Rover would have just about justified the investment in a new van range to replace both the CF medium van and the Sherpa.

Meanwhile, it looks as though only the Transit, which is built at Southampton and in Belgium, and the Volkswagen Transporter will dominate the market.

GM has invested about £50 million at Bedford where, in a joint venture with Isuzu of Japan, it is producing the Japanese-designed small vans, the Midi and Rascal.

But back to the Transit. The new, more aerodynamic Transit of the late-1980s is easier to drive, and more comfortable and has won over drivers almost overnight. It now accounts for 40 per cent of all medium van sales in the UK.

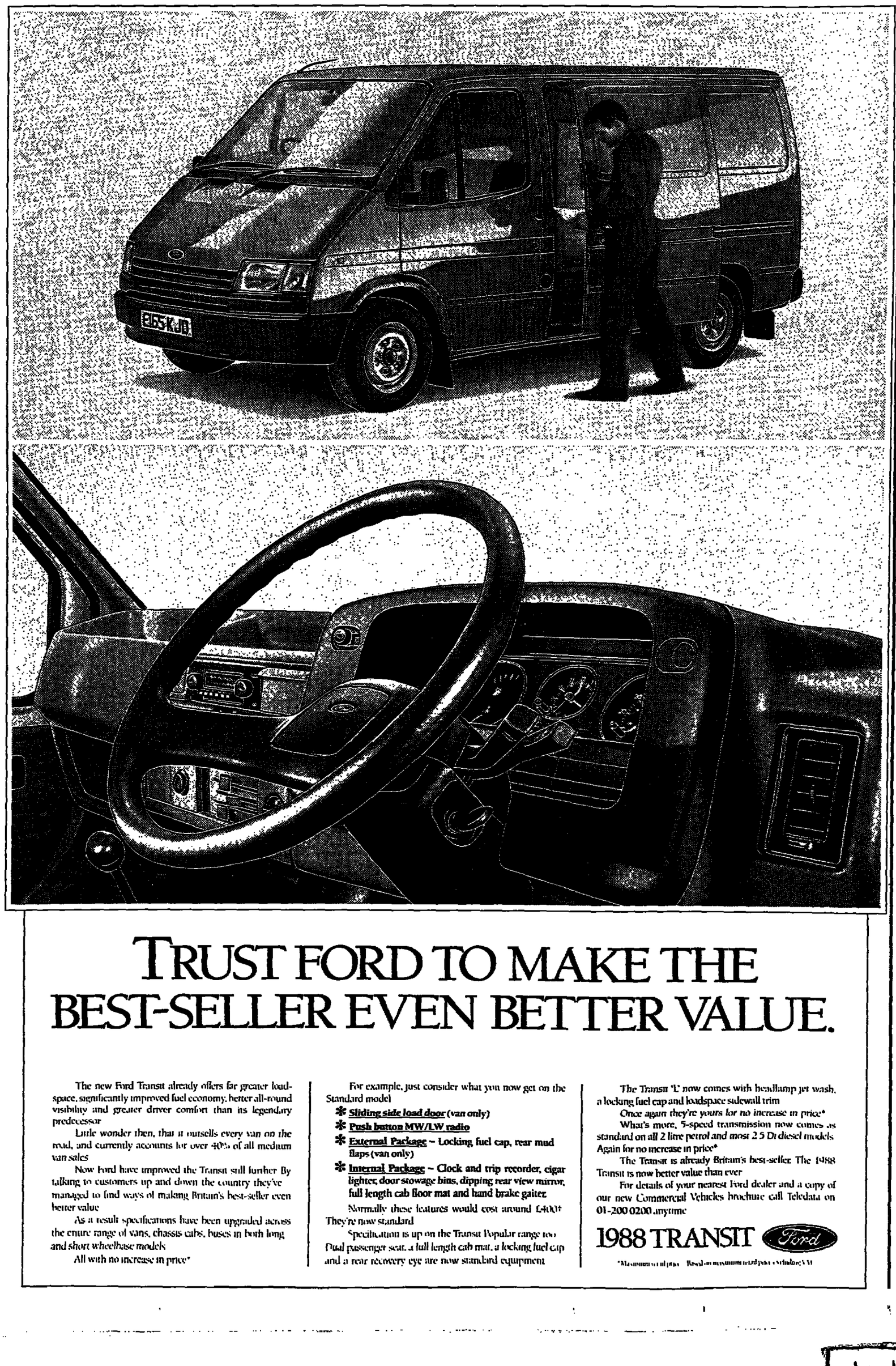
Today's standard Transit is equipped with a push-button radio, cigar lighter, dipping rear-view mirror, locking fuel cap and other features that, says Ford, would normally cost a total of £400 as extras. Five-speed transmission is standard on all two-litre and most 2.5 diesel models.

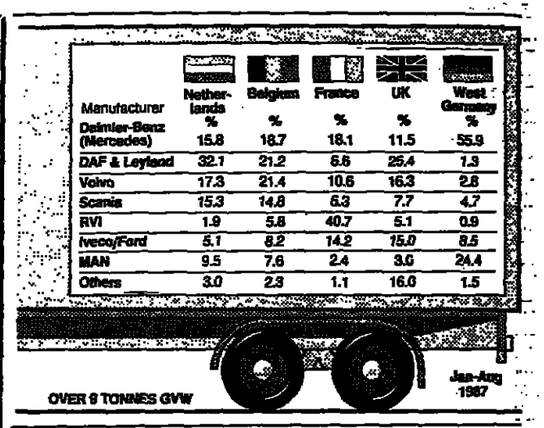
> ❛ Progressive pop groups drive it ❜

Professor Banham obseved: "The Transit is a van of progress not only because progressive people admire it and progressive pop groups drive it, but because it offers a sufficient number of variant sub-types for all sorts and conditions of us to drive it, and thus delivers, with a flourish, those kinds of relevant choice and useful variety that have been among the perpetually frustrated promises of mass production since Adam Smith was a lad."



Happy scouts: Fifteen-seater bus version of the Ford Transit shows that the days of the barely equipped and uncomfortable van are numbered. Standard equipment includes push-button radio, cigar lighter and locking fuel cap, normally expensive extras. It now wins 40 per cent of all medium van sales in Britain





Rentals await effects of the stocks crash

Marked growth especially in rental but also in contract hire has been the dominating characteristic of the commercial vehicles market in the past year. Traders suggest rental growth has been at least 30 per cent with contract hire up about 10 per cent.

If the stock-market slide goes on and feeds through to an economic downturn, commercial vehicle rental — that early barometer of the nation's economic health — will be affected relatively quickly. It will be different with contract hire because of its long-term nature in this market, contracts being typically written over five years.

Even the earliest effects of a downturn could be some way away. Only if the retail boom fades would the surge in rental show signs of ebbing.

The growing move into contract hire and rental by companies hitherto owning their own fleets, plus the opening of virtually new markets such as many parts of the public sector has nevertheless left the hiring industry expecting about a doubling of its market in the next three years. Contract hire could be worth £350 million a year in sales by that time, with rental probably worth as much again, estimates Michael Blake, national sales manager for Transfleet Services, a joint venture between Lex Service, itself big in vehicle leasing, and Lombard North Central, the credit and leasing arm of National Westminster Bank.

> ❛ With the retailing boom, rental — which can meet short term demand best — had a very good summer. It is the highest level we have seen since the last peak in the year 1979 ❜
>
> **Michael Blake**
> *National sales manager Transfleet Services*

In the commercial vehicle hire and rental field Transfleet is one of the biggest operators, which also include BRS, the market leader and part of the National Freight Consortium (NFC), Ryder with its US parentage, and Mitchell Cotts.

Among other national operators is Wincanton and some commercial vehicle manufacturers such as Volvo, Scania and Renault have put a toe in the market. Manufacturers which hire or let their own vehicles attract criticism from some operators, who believe makers should stick to supplying the hire and rental specialists.

The latest estimates* from the British Vehicle Rental and Leasing Association (BVRLA) suggest that up to 80,000 vans and 73,000 commercial vehicles on Britain's roads are either hired, leased or in the hands of fleet-management services.

Last year there was a slight decline in rental of vans but a rise of just over a fifth in contract hire, according to one analysis by the BVRLA.

The same analysis also showed a jump in rental of more than 60 per cent, which some in the trade believe is higher than the overall experience of the industry.

Equally the BVRLA analysis showing a contract-hire rise of six per cent is regarded by some as on the low side.

Finance leasing and fleet management services showed a 56 per cent increase. Most believe the biggest increases have been in management services which take on all the day-to-day details of running a fleet. Finance-leasing deals simply provide cash to buy vehicles. This contrasts with contract hire, where not only financing but all the operational burden is shouldered by the hirer with an increasing trend even to provide the drivers for the vehicles. At Transfleet rental business increased 50 per cent last year, but Mr Blake believes the market overall probably rose up to 30 per cent. He said: "There have been several factors behind the rental upturn.

"There was a downturn in availability of new vehicles from manufacturers.

"With the retailing boom, rental — which can meet short-term demand best — had a very good summer.

"It is the highest level we have seen since the last peak in 1979."

Gradually over a period of time he expects finance leasing to lose some market share to contract hire which he also expects to benefit from big increases in demand from the public sector from the Ministry of Defence to the National Health Service, as well as local authorities and public utilities, partly because of changes in accounting procedures.

Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

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YOUR OWN BUSINESS

A hobby which is a racing bet

By Veronica Heath

Sam Walker is a gamekeeper in mid-Northumberland but he is also turning a lifelong hobby into a sideline business. Like thousands of others, particularly in the North East, he races pigeons, having been given his first racing birds at the age of four.

Now he is concentrating on breeding and last year sold 28 young birds to local fanciers. He plans to increase the numbers. Quality birds can be worth £150 or more with prize specimens worth several thousands of pounds apiece. Sam said: "There is good money in breeding these birds and my hobby has turned into a profitable business."

There is a big league in racing pigeon breeding, he pointed out. A large racing pigeon complex at Loughborough recently paid a top price of £41,000 for a five-year-old racing pigeon from Belgium called Peter Pau. It will be used to improve the strains there.

Sam seems to spend a good deal of his time gazing anxiously at the sky. From early spring until autumn he trains and flies his pigeons — there are 90 in his garden loft at the moment. A strong bird will breed from 10 to 15 years.



Sam Walker showing off the wingspan of one of his racing pigeons which are making possible the transformation of a hobby into a business

One of the advantages of breeding racing pigeons is the immediacy of results. Birds are paired in February and the youngsters, known as squabs or squeakers, feather up rapidly so that they can be on short training sprints by late spring.

The main training is still on comparatively short flights called training tosses. It is much like training greyhounds or racehorses and experience, together with good husbandry, is the essence of a successful loft, according to Sam.

Swift trapping at the end of a race can be crucial. Birds are trapped by having their rubber race rings removed and put into a sealed timing clock so that a bad trap can cost a competitor a race. If a bird is over-raced it gets shy about flying in, again costing precious time.

Most of Sam's pigeons have been given names. His most prized possession is a Red Checker hen called Housetop Annie. "I don't think I'll ever breed a better," said Sam, who spread the bird's wing to show off the strength in it and pointed out its bright, intelligent eye.

As he talks his pigeons are pecking, clattering and preening around him, watching him measure out their maze mixture, which smells of liquorice.

The market for racing pigeons can be gauged from the files of the Royal Pigeon Racing Association, on which about 19 million birds are listed. In the North East alone the Up North Combine has 21 member federations, covering an area from Berwick to Staithes, and involving nearly 3,000 pigeon lofts and about 6,000 members.

Every year valuable birds are lost from many a loft to peregrines, sparrow hawks, cats, overhead wires and the occasional sporting gun. Vandalism is in some areas also becoming a serious problem, Sam's answer being a good guard dog and no publicity about his base.

Basically, pigeons fly back to their lofts to defend their mates, according to Sam. Place a cock with a hen for a couple of minutes, send the male off 500 miles in a basket, and on release the bird will fly staight to the home loft with pinpoint accuracy.

BRIEFING

■ The Association of British Insurers has produced eight detailed advice files to help small businesses choose the best insurance cover for their individual needs, *Derek Harris writes.*

The importance of the move was underlined this week by Mr John Cope, minister for small businesses, who said: "Affordable insurance cover is a significant problem for new and existing small businesses." He added: "There is a need for the insurance industry to understand the needs of its growing small business customers and for small businesses to understand insurance."

Mr Cope was helping to launch the new advice files. They offer insight on the various types of insurance a small business might consider and into specialized problems like multi-tenanted buildings and availability of insurance in inner city areas.

Any business finding difficulty in securing cover at an inner city location can go to the ABI which, under an initiative launched last year, is tackling any tricky cases. Of 61 cases so far looked at by the ABI, all but nine have so far been resolved.

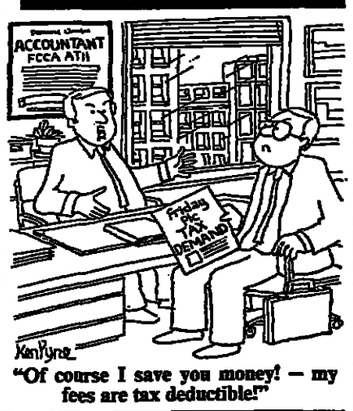
The initiative now covers all the task force areas together with Lambeth, Leeds and Manchester. The ABI is also in a pilot experiment setting up advice centres in Birmingham and Manchester.

● **Contact:** ABI, Aldermary House, Queen Street, London EC4N 1TT: (01) 248 4477. The files package is also available at the Government's small firms centres.

Eight pointers to your cover

■ The number of local enterprise agencies providing training courses for those in small businesses has doubled in the past year to 213 out of the 270 agencies under the umbrella of Business in the Community (BIC). The courses are being offered in addition to traditional counselling for individual businesses. There has also been a 60 per cent increase in agencies with education links to schools and colleges. The most rapid rise in agency work has been connected with youth enterprise activity.

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Drawing in the horns of the bulls

By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

The boom in City of London development may have come to an end in the week which marked the anniversary of "Big Bang", Michael Cassidy, chairman of the City's planning committee, believes.

Assessing the situation in the light of the Stock Market crash, he said they knew that at some time there would be an end to the boom, and that now was the right time for the committee to reassess its responses to applications for new development. "It appears that the bull market of the last two years, during which we have approved some 15 million square feet of development, may be coming to an end. Our future planning must take into account that financial markets will not be as buoyant, and that development needs will change."

He was confident, however, that the policies of the City of London were sufficiently flexible to accommodate changes in demand. "Given its traditional leading role and central location, the City is well placed to weather any downturn in demand which may result from a retrenchment in the financial sector, and we would view the future as being more a cooling down of the property market than anything more dramatic."

■ The downturn has done nothing to damp the enthusiasm of Olympia and York as they embark on the £3 billion Canary Wharf scheme on the Isle of Dogs. After driving the first pile on Wednesday with the help of Lord Young, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, Mr Paul Reichmann, joint head of the Toronto-based company, expressed an optimistic view of the project, promising to complete in record time.

He said that they had assumed one or two recessions during the construction period, and he recalled that there had been a similar crash in the United States when Olympia and York were building the huge World Financial Centre at Battery Park, New York. "We take a long term view, and we believe that in London, even if there is no growth in demand, there is still sufficient demand to take up the space in the Canary Wharf project."

The 10 million square feet will include three tower blocks, two of about 550 feet and the third, the centrepiece of the development, about 840 feet. Mr Reichmann says he intends to offer inducements which will effectively reduce rents to £10 to £15 a square foot for the first five years to attract the first occupiers.

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Smooth new Sierra has all the extras

Launched in 1982 and shunned by the buying public because of its controversial "jelly mould" shape, the Sierra confounded its early critics by becoming the market leader in its sector for the past two years and one of Ford's most profitable models.

It also paved the way for rivals who had similar drag cheating designs in the pipeline but lacked the courage to make the break from more conventional shapes. As a result, the once trend-setting Sierra no longer stands out in a crowded car park.



Sierra GL 2 litre: a smoother nose but disappointing engine

Vital statistics
Model: Ford Sierra 5/6 door GL 2.0
Price: £9,573
Engine: 1993cc 4 cylinder
Performance: 0-60mph 9.7 seconds, maximum speed 113mph.
Official consumption: Urban 26.6mpg, 56mph 46.3mpg and 75mph 37.2mpg.
Length: 14.5 feet
Insurance: Group 5

Driving one is like returning to an old friend. I felt at home immediately in the two-litre GL hatchback tested recently. Along with other Sierra models it now has bigger windows, a flush fitted direct glazed windscreen and an even smoother nose, thanks to rap-around indicator lights and flush fitting headlamps.

Like other manufacturers, Ford is tending to put money into free "extras" instead of making incentive payments to dealers and hotting up the discount battle. A sunroof is now standard on all Sierras except the basic L version.

The GL also has electrically operated and heated door mirrors, extra sound insulation, central door locking, tailgate wash-wipe, tinted glass, two door bins, bigger central consol, tunnel mounted box for cassettes, a six-speaker radio-cassette player, a central arm rest and deep side bolsters on front and rear seats.

Despite their permanent looking fittings the rear seats fold down singly or together to treble the available luggage space and emphasize once again the extra versatility of the hatchback over the booted saloon.

The two-litre engine is a big disappointment, however. It is now showing its age and despite the extra insulation that comes with the GL is very noisy and prone to coarse vibration.

Although based on the same 20-year-old design the smaller 1.8 engine is quieter, smoother, and only fractionally slower (109mph compared with 113mph). It is even quicker from 30mph-50mph (8.5 secs compared with 9 secs).

A new double over-head camshaft two litre-engine is already producing impressive .mprovements in performance and noise/vibration reduction. However, it is still nearly a year away from production.

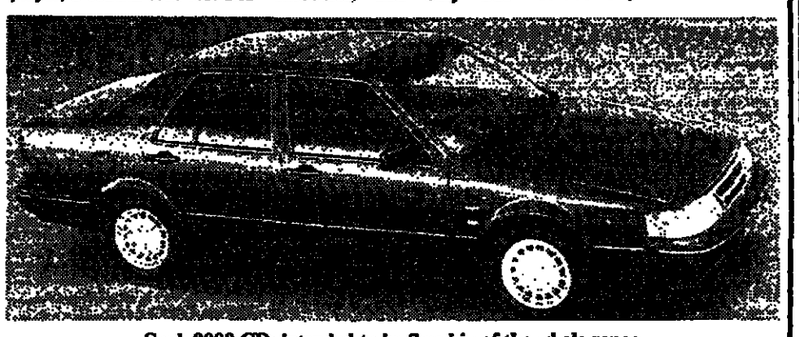
The present engine is also heavy and without power steering makes the Sierra an unpleasant handful in multi-storey car parks. Power assisted steering was available originally but was withdrawn because of poor sales.

Saab to launch flagship model

A saloon version of Saab's very impressive 9000 hatchback executive powered by the same 16-valve, 2-litre, turbo-charged engine with inter-cooler will be launched next year. Designated the 9000CD it is intended to be the flagship of the whole range and will be priced accordingly.

Saab GB says the price will not be fixed until the car reaches Britain some time next summer, although it goes on sale in Sweden some months earlier. It is expected to cost beteen five per cent and ten percent more than the present model. That should put it close to £21,000.

Early photographs suggest that the classic three-box shape of the saloon gives the CD the longer, sleeker appearance it needs to compete with such attractive rivals in the £18,000 to £22,000 sector as the Jaguar XJ6, the Mercedes 260E, BMW 730i and Rover Sterling.



Saab 9000 CD: intended to be flagship of the whole range

Porsche plans 4-cylinder turbo

Porsche has followed its recent strongly worded denial that it is stopping production of four cylinder 924 and 944 models after a sharp fall in sales, by announcing plans for a new 250 BHP 944 Turbo with sport equipment. Production has already begun and will be restricted to 1,000 of which only 70 will come to Britain.

The intention is clearly to give it an exclusive tag in the bope that buyers will rush out and order one before they *are sold out. With the* present 944 Turbo already costing over £36,000 the newcomer will set you back £41,249. Buyers' response will be a test for Porsche's sky-high pricing policy — the primary cause of the present slump.

The 944 Turbo SE is based on this year's 944 Turbo Cup Competition car. It has 30 BHP more than the standard model giving it a 0-62 mph time of 5.7 seconds and the top speed of 161 mph.

A strengthened 5-speed gear box is needed to handle the extra power together with an external oil cooler, larger "ABS" brakes from the 928 series and forged alloy wheels with ultra low profile tyres.

All the SEs will be silver metallic with special burgundy cloth seat inlays and door panels.

Porsche has confirmed that the 944 "open top" first shown as a concept car at Frankfurt motorshow two years ago is going into production from January 1989. UK dealers will take orders beginning next month. That should give Stuttgart plenty of time in which to test public reaction before finalising production plans.

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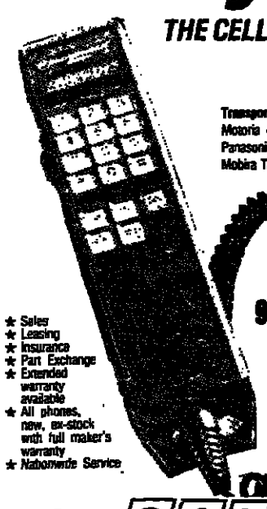
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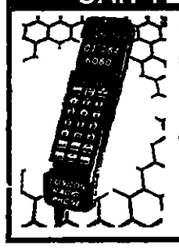
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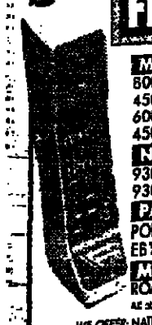
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SQUASH RACKETS

Zaman twisted into knots by tricky Harvey

From Colin McQuillan, Toronto

Neil Harvey, the sparky Londoner who tipped Ross Norman, the defending champion, out of the World Open in Birmingham last month and revitalized England for the world team championship in London, has been up to his tricks again here.

Harvey cut his way ruthlessly past Qamar Zaman, of Pakistan, 15-12, 11-15, 15-4, 15-7 in the second round of the Drakkar Noir Canadian Open championship, to earn the opportunity of again frustrating Norman in these quarter-finals.

The former world champion defeated Martin Bodimeade, of England, 4-15, 15-11, 15-7, 15-7, but he needed time to adjust his rhythmic rallying game to the unusual demands of American scoring on a blue court with one solid side wall, three glass walls and a tin lowered by two inches.

The International Squash Players Association (ISPA) is determined to sell the soft-ball game in North America, where hardball squash predominates, and the use of a white ball is one of their compromise experiments.

Harvey, who plays and coaches regularly on this type of court at Cannons Club, London, revels in this environment. He needed only 30 minutes of high-speed invention to demoralize Zaman, usually a tricky customer.

"The lower 17-inch tin makes the court longer," Harvey said. "Drop shots and kills fall closer to the front wall. You have to take the game to your opponent."

It was steady work into the top corner that gave Harvey the first game in just eight minutes. Zaman countered in the second, but it hardly seemed to matter to Harvey. No rally lasted longer than five strokes. In two five-minute games, he cut the Pakistani master strokemaker to ribbons.

The ISPA is seeking to reduce the spectator boredom factor and Harvey left spectators almost as bewildered as Zaman with his strokes.

RESULTS: Second round: N Harvey (Eng) bt Qamar Zaman (Pak), 15-12, 11-15, 15-4, 15-7; C Robertson (Aus) bt G Williams (Eng), 15-11, 15-8, 9-15, 6-15, 15-9; Jansher Khan (Pak) bt B Martin (Aus), 12-15, 8-15, 17-15, 15-9, 15-12; C Ditmar (Aus) bt A Wahlstedt (Swe), 15-12, 15-7, 17-16.

SCHOOLS FOOTBALL

Chigwell back in the groove after break

By George Chesterton

Among the early matches after half-term, Chigwell's 5-2 victory over St Edmund's Canterbury and Shrewsbury's 1-0 win against Oswestry were notable successes. Chigwell, for whom it was a fifth win running, scored four of their goals in the first half, but the best of the match was the fifth, in the gloom of a November evening when Ferguson drove home a cross from Davis.

For most of the Shrewsbury-Oswestry match defences were dominant with no clear-cut chances until Coltart broke the deadlock by scoring from a corner that was only partly cleared.

During the half-term break, Bolton, on tour to the south, went down in a close match with London Independent Schools. The goals came from Davis of Chigwell and Barnett of Forest.

Alleyn's continued their run without defeat with six victories and three draws to their credit. They have reached the quarter-finals of both the Palmer and Ebdon cups.

Berkshire won the English Schools FA BHS trophy final for the first time at Reading. They defeated West Midlands 4-1 with Godliff of Langley GS scoring three times, two of them fine individual goals in the first half. Wilkinson scored their fourth and Harper pulled one goal back for West Midlands.

In this two-season tournament the new competition is under way with a somewhat unexpected but well-deserved 3-0 win by North Yorkshire over Durham, all goals coming in the second half.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Headingley happy to usher in a new era

By Keith Macklin

Last Sunday more than 14,000 spectators went to Headingley to see a magnificent match as Leeds came from 18-6 down to draw 18-18 with mighty Wigan. At the end of the game both sides were applauded off the field, and nearly 3,000 supporters poured on to the pitch. For older Leeds supporters it seemed a return to the good old days, and the herald of a new age at Headingley.

When Don Revie was moulding the fortunes of Leeds United in the 1960s he was once heard to say after a disappointing gate at Elland Road that "Leeds is, after all, a Rugby League city". There was a time when this was true, when Leeds United were a struggling second division side and Leeds Rugby League club was cock of the walk.

However, once Revie took United to the top and Lewis Jones left the Headingley scene, the crowds began to flock to Elland Road, and Leeds became a football city with a successful Rugby League club on its coat-tails.

Although Leeds won the challenge cup in 1978 and the premiership in 1979 and have made regular appearances in John Player and Yorkshire Cup finals in the 1980s, attendances have remained irritatingly below the 10,000 mark except for the most attractive of cup ties. Until last Sunday, that is. A 14,000 crowd provided the highest home league attendance since 1969.

Leeds seem determined to prove, as Wigan have done, that success can be bought. They have dipped into their considerable reserves to the tune of nearly £500,000 in bringing to Headingley Gary Schofield and Lee Crooks from Hull, plus four Australians and an All Black, Mark Brooke-Cowden.

It took a while for the Leeds act to get together, but Maurice Bamford, their coach, believes revival is at hand. "The Headingley crowd will not tolerate bad rugby," he said, "but they will support good rugby no matter who plans it. On Sunday it was magic, with a match equal to any top game seen anywhere in the world. We are putting it right now, and the crowds are coming back."

● The half-time brawl in the Yorkshire Cup final replay at Elland Road has brought a swift and dramatic response from the management committee. Eight players, five from Castleford and three from Bradford Northern, have been summoned to appear before the management committee next Tuesday to answer allegations of bringing the game into disrepute. Videotape evidence of the match will be produced at the meeting.

Dalham Hall a home where the horses' hearts are



No sweat: Reference Point (front) and Dancing Brave away from the pressures of the racecourse (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Arc turns full circle for Flat leaders

By Jack Waterman

With only two days to the finish of the 1987 Flat Racing season, many of the leading lights have already slipped away unseen to a new life off the racecourse. Notably, Reference Point, hero of the Derby and King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes, and Ajdal, who found his metier finally as an exceptional sprinter. They are both now the property of breeding syndicates and have recently joined Sheikh Mohammed's 900-acre Dalham Hall Stud at Newmarket.

They are both adjusting to a more relaxed tempo in the company of the existing stallions there, Top Ville, the 1979 French Derby winner, Shareef Dancer, the 1983 Irish Sweeps Derby winner, and the outstanding racehorse of the decade, Dancing Brave.

But if anyone still retains a mental picture of Dancing Brave and his astounding acceleration among the glories of Ascot and Longchamp on Arc day, they would have to make a considerable adjustment to today's reality: the sight of a friendly, muddy-maned urchin of a figure happily munching grass in a Newmarket paddock, and crunching windfall pears like an equine cider press before going back to his box to have his appearance restored to looking every inch a handsome stallion again.

Dancing Brave certainly distils the spirit of Dalham Hall where relaxation is a keynote. His man, "Tolly" Considine, aged 21, who could not believe his good luck when put in charge of Dancing Brave, says: "I adore my horse, and he's my life." Dancing Brave's response to such devotion is to give a commanding knock on the American oak that lines his spacious box, should "Tolly" ever pass it without paying due attention.

Comic cuts provided by the Oaks survivor

The stallions are only part of the scene at Dalham Hall: in another paddock is a priceless array of mares, including Oh So Sharp, the winner of three of the 1985 classics, whose earnings principally put Sheikh Mohammed on top of the breeders' list for the year, as well as her dam, Oh So Fair, now 20, and in foal to Dancing Brave. In yet another paddock are the French Oaks winner, Indian Skimmer, not yet retired, and her almost comically inseparable companion, Scimitarra, who survived her terrible accident in this season's Oaks, and after brilliant attention and surgery is to be mated with the outstanding former sprinter, Green Desert.

Meanwhile, around the horses is a ceaseless scene of building activity at Dalham Hall, which really comprises four studs in one. New and handsomely constructed foaling boxes have just been completed, air-conditioned, with video cameras enabling those in the adjacent "sitting-up" rooms to monitor progress by the second. Last year there were 60 foals; this year the figure will be 90. A new covering yard and American barn are scheduled to be completed by Christmas.

The capital outlay on the impressive expansion at Dalham Hall, including land, new building and improved housing for staff can hardly be less than £20 million, with no account taken of the value of the stallions and 40 or so mares and an equal number of yearlings. Dalham Hall is, in fact, the nucleus of the Al-Maktoum racing empire. A new headquarters for the racing manager, Anthony Stroud, has just been completed from which telex and Prestel messages go daily to Dubai with lists of results of the horses owned by Sheikh Mohammed and his three brothers, and the following day's runners. There is also a lodge there for their use.

As far as the stud is concerned, Sheikh Mohammed's policy is to provide facilities for top-class stallions and accommodation for visiting mares. Ten stallions and 400 boxes are the objectives. That the syndicates involved with Dancing Brave — who raced in the colours of Khaled Abdulla, of Saudi Arabia — and Reference Point — who raced in those of Louis Freedman — chose Dalham Hall must be greatly satisfying to Sheikh Mohammed, quite apart from the direct benefit of nominations for his mares to the stallions involved.

Priority should be on home-bred horses

From a long-term point of view, the Dalham Hall expansion is an answer to those who have looked askance at the rise of Arab influence in racing over the past decade. The object is still to win the best races, but more and more reliance on home-bred horses rather than purchases should reflect in a list for the British bloodstock industry.

"What we want to do is to get to 10 stallions," Robert Acton, the stud general manager at Dalham Hall, says. "If we get to 10 stallions of the quality we're getting here now, there's no doubt that Britain will be back at the top, and in the position of having the best bloodstock in the world — in great contrast to the depressive years of the tremendous swing to American breeding."

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Motorists can challenge accuracy of breath test device

Cracknell v Willis

Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Brandon of Oakbrook, Lord Griffiths, Lord Oliver of Aylmerton and Lord Goff of Chieveley

[Speeches November 5]

A motorist could not be prohibited from adducing evidence of the amount of alcohol he had consumed in order to show that the approved breath analysis device was defective when it produced a result demonstrating alcohol in his breath exceeding the statutory permitted maximum. Nor could a motorist be convicted of both failing to provide a specimen of breath for breath analysis and of actually providing a specimen of breath with alcohol exceeding the prescribed limit.

The House of Lords unanimously so held when overruling four leading decisions of the Queen's Bench Divisional Court and allowing in part an appeal by Robert Peter Cracknell against the upholding by the Divisional Court (Lord Justice Ralph Gibson and Mr Justice McNeill) on October 20, 1986 of his conviction by Bromley Justices on April 7 last year for driving with excess breath-alcohol, contrary to section 6(1) of the Road Traffic Act 1972, as substituted by section 25(3) of and Schedule 8 to the Transport Act 1981, and for failing to provide a specimen of breath, contrary to section 8(7) of the 1972 Act as so substituted.

On the driving conviction he was fined £150 and disqualified for 18 months and he was similarly fined and disqualified on the other conviction. The House of Lords quashed the driving conviction but held that the other had to stand.

The four cases overruled were *Hughes v McConnell* ([1986] 1 All ER 268; [1985] RTR 244) *Duddy v Gallagher* ([1985] RTR 401); *Price v Nicholls* ([1986] RTR 155) and *Burridge v East (Note)* ([1986] RTR 382).

Mr Keith Knight for the appellant motorist; Miss Ann Goddard, QC and Mr Hilton Harrop-Griffiths for the respondent prosecutor, Police Constable Willis.

LORD GRIFFITHS, with whose speech Lord Keith, Lord Brandon and Lord Oliver agreed, said that the appellant, who was speeding, underwent a roadside breath test which proved positive, was arrested and at the police station was asked to provide breath on a Lion Intoximeter.

He provided a specimen which gave a reading of 78 microgrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath — well above the prescribed maximum of 35 microgrammes. When asked to give a further specimen he did not blow properly and aborted the test. Four attempts were aborted and he then refused to provide a further specimen.

The justices who convicted him stated a case at his request. The questions for the court's opinion were whether the justices were correct in following: (i) *Hughes v McConnell* in prohibiting him from adducing evidence of the amount of alcohol he had consumed, in order to show that the Lion Intoximeter machine was defective; and (ii) *Duddy v Gallagher* in convicting him of both the offence of failing to supply a specimen of breath and the offence of actually supplying a specimen of breath which exceeded the prescribed limit.

The Divisional Court answered both questions in the affirmative, following those decisions. The appellant submitted that both previous decisions were wrongly decided.

Provided that a machine, which enabled the proportion of alcohol in the breath to be determined by immediate analysis, was reliable it had obvious advantages over the use of urine or blood samples. It could be operated by a trained police officer and printed out an immediate analysis of the breath, cutting out the delay involved in the laboratory analysis of urine and blood samples and the attendance of a doctor in the case of a blood sample.

But the motorist was at the mercy of the machine in the sense that he had no means of checking its performance, whereas for urine and blood samples the statutory provisions required that the sample be divided into two and one half given to the motorist who could, if he wished, have it analysed himself to check the accuracy of the analysis provided by the prosecution.

It was no doubt with those considerations in mind that Parliament provided certain safeguards to protect the motorist when the use of breath analysing devices was introduced by the Transport Act 1981.

Section 8(3) made it clear that, for the purpose of a prosecution for driving with excess alcohol contrary to section 6, the breath specimen was to be the principal means of establishing the quantity of alcohol that the motorist had consumed.

The safeguards for the motorist's protection were:

1 The device had to be of a type approved by the secretary of state.

2 Two specimens of breath had to be taken and the specimen with the lower proportion of alcohol in the breath used and the other disregarded.

That precaution was obviously introduced to give the motorist the benefit of the doubt in the case of any variation in the performance of the machine. It had to follow, in his Lordship's view, that it was not intended that a motorist should be convicted on the evidence of only one specimen of breath.

3 If the machine indicated that the motorist was over the prescribed limit but not excessively so he could opt to give a blood or urine specimen which replaced the breath specimen and neither breath specimen could be used.

That provision coupled with the provision that only the lower breath specimen should be used appeared to indicate a recognition of the fact that "trial by machine" was an entirely novel concept and should be introduced with a degree of caution.

4 That the particular machine used should be reliable. It would be unthinkable that it could be intended that anyone should be convicted by an unreliable machine — see *Newton v Woods* ([1987] RTR 41).

The object of the legislation was to provide a relatively simple way of establishing whether a motorist was driving after drinking too much and, if he was doing so, to punish him. The motorist could, of course, frustrate the proceedings by refusing to provide the necessary specimen.

However, if he did so without reasonable excuse, he committed an offence under section 8(7) and was in effect treated as though he had driven when exceeding the prescribed limit, being subject to the same penalties as if he had committed an offence under section 6.

The appellant submitted that the two offences were intended to be alternatives and that the Act should be construed so as to provide that they were mutually exclusive.

His Lordship concluded that *Duddy v Gallagher* and *Burridge v East* were wrongly decided and that the appellant ought not to have been convicted under section 6(1).

However, justices in assessing the penalty to be imposed for refusing to provide a breath specimen were entitled to take into account any evidence that indicated the motorist's alcohol consumption. It would include the result of the analysis of the first breath specimen if he unreasonably refused to provide a second specimen.

The first question in the case raised far greater difficulties and might have disturbing consequences. The question was how far, if at all, and by what evidence a motorist was entitled to challenge the reliability of the machine which analysed his breath.

It was not surprising that the Divisional Court were disturbed in *Hughes v McConnell* by the justices' decision to dismiss the information because they were not satisfied beyond reasonable doubt on hearing the evidence of the defendant and his witnesses that the Lion Intoximeter reading was accurate and that the defendant had consumed so much alcohol as to exceed the prescribed limit.

The findings of fact based on the one hand on the prosecution evidence and on the other on the defence evidence appeared to be quite irreconcilable. The justices' decision was attacked by the prosecution on the ground not of perversity but that the defence evidence was inadmissible to challenge the accuracy of the analysis of the specimen of breath.

That submission was upheld and Lord Justice Watkins said (at p250) that a defendant was not left without a defence for he was enabled to have a blood or urine test immediately following a test on a machine such as a Lion Intoximeter 3000.

Shortly afterwards the same question arose in *Price v Nicholls* and the prosecutor's appeal was allowed by the Divisional Court relying both on *Hughes v McConnell* and on the wording of section 10(2) that "evidence of the proportion of alcohol ... in a specimen of breath ... provided by the accused shall, in all cases be taken into account, and it shall be assumed that the proportion of alcohol in the accused's breath ... at the time of the alleged offence was not less than in the specimen ...".

Lord Justice Watkins said ([1986] RTR 155, 161) that it was abundantly clear that the attempt was being made in that case and in *Hughes v McConnell* to take their Lordships and courts below back to the former days when there were long drawn-out battles between on the one hand the prosecutor and on the other the defence as to the amount of drink taken by a defendant as compared wth an analysis, usually produced as the result of taking a sample of urine.

In *Lucking v Forbes* ([1986] RTR 97) the Divisional Court dismissed a prosecutor's appeal against justices' dismissal of an information because they could not reconcile various readings of a printout and blood analyses in the light of evidence of an analytical chemist called by the defendant which impugned the reliability of the breath analysis device.

His Lordship shared the dismay of Lord Justice Watkins at the prospect of putting the clock back to the days when every drink and driving charge turned upon voluminous conflicting evidence as to the activities and alcoholic consumption of the defendant before he was stopped by the police and as to his condition after arrest.

However, he had the greatest difficulty in seeing any indication in the statutory provisions that pointed to only one type of evidence being admissible to challenge the reliability of the breath testing device used in a particular case.

His Lordship was unable to agree with the Divisional Court that the wording of section 10(2) gave any support for the view that Parliament intended any challenge to the reliability of a device to be limited to a particular type of evidence.

The assumption in section 10(2) was not an assumption that the device was working correctly but an assumption that the proportion of alcohol in the relevant specimen was not less than the proportion of alcohol at the time of the offence.

Before making the assumption for the purposes of section 10(2) justices would have to be satisfied, in the case of a urine or blood specimen, that they could rely on the analysis of the specimen and they might have to choose between the analysis supplied by the prosecution and that supplied by the defence.

In such a case they obviously could not assume that the prosecution specimen was the reliable one because such an assumption would render nugatory the statutory requirement that the motorist should be provided with half the specimen so that he could have his own analysis carried out.

In the case of a breath specimen there was, of course, a presumption that the machine was reliable but, if that presumption was challenged by relevant evidence, the justices would have to be satisfied that the machine had provided a reading on which they could rely before making the assumption.

Was a teetotal motorist to be convicted without the opportunity of calling two bishops with whom he had dined as witnesses to the fact that he had drunk nothing that evening and inviting the justices to infer that the machine must have been unreliable when it, to his astonishment, showed very high readings?

If Parliament wished to provide that, either there was to be an irrebuttable presumption that the machine was reliable, or that the presumption could be challenged by only a particular type of evidence, then Parliament had to take the responsibility of so deciding and spell out the intention in clear language.

Until then evidence was admissible, which, if believed, provided material from which the inference could reasonably be drawn that the machine was unreliable.

His Lordship hoped that the good sense of the justices and the realization by the motoring public that approved breath-testing machines were proving reliable would combine to ensure that few defendants would seek to challenge a breath analysis by spurious evidence of their consumption of alcohol.

His Lordship felt compelled to hold that *Hughes v McConnell* and *Price v Nicholls* were wrongly decided, should not have been followed in the present case and the Divisional Court should have answered the first question in the negative and held that the justices were wrong in refusing to allow the appellant to adduce evidence of the amount of alcohol he had consumed.

However, that provided no ground for quashing the appellant's conviction for refusing, without reasonable excuse, to provide a specimen of breath contrary to section 8(7).

LORD GOFF, concurring, feared that he did not share the optimism of Lord Griffiths that motorists would desist from seeking to persuade justices to reject evidence from printouts as unreliable on the ground that they had drunk so little that the reading could not be right

It was notorious that an industry was devoted to assisting motorists in defeating charges brought under section 6. Once the decision in the present case was reported, attention would rapidly be drawn to the new possibility.

His Lordship anticipated that the responsible authorities would be keeping the situation arising from the decision under careful review, in order to consider whether the provisions of the Act required to be strengthened in the public interest.

Solicitors: Lee, Bolton & Lee for J. W. Saunders & Co, Erith. Solicitor, Metropolitan Police.

No tax refund on covenant for special education

Essex County Council v Ellam (Inspector of Taxes)

Before Mr Justice Hoffmann

[Judgment November 3]

Essex County Council was not entitled to repayments of tax under section 353 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 in respect of covenanted payments made to it by the father of a handicapped child to reimburse the expenditure that it incurred on special education for his son. Those payments were not annual payments or instalments of an annuity within the meaning of section 52 of the Act.

Mr Justice Hoffmann so held in the Chancery Division in dismissing an appeal by the council from a determination of a single special commissioner refusing its claim to repayment of tax on the payments it received from the father, Mr David Albert Skidmore.

In 1980 the council arranged for Mr Skidmore's mentally handicapped son to receive special education at Dilston Hall, an institution run by Mencap. Following an agreement in writing whereby Mr Skidmore became liable to reimburse the council for the fees that it would pay to the school, Mr Skidmore covenanted in favour of the council to make regular payments which amounts together with the tax thereon would equal the amount of fees payable.

Subsequently the council at Mr Skidmore's behest claimed repayment of tax under the provisions of section 353 of the 1970 Act on the basis that the payments, being made under the covenant and not under the reimbursement agreement, were pure profit income and therefore annual payments within the meaning of section 52 of the Act.

MR JUSTICE HOFFMANN said that it was clear that the basis on which Mr Skidmore covenanted in favour of the council was that the payments made under it would discharge *pro tanto* the terms of the reimbursement agreement. Once the council accepted the payments in that form it could not then deny that that was so.

Not all yearly payments fell within the description of "any annuity or other annual payment" in section 52. They had to be pure profit income rather than receipts from which outgoings could be deducted in ascertaining the taxable income. The commissioner was entitled to decide that the council by arranging for the education, had given consideration for the payments made under the covenant.

In determining whether the payments were pure profit income the decision in *Campbell v Inland Revenue Commissioners* ([1970] AC 77) required one to assume that the council was a taxpayer. If that was so it would be untenable to suggest that it would have been taxable on the covenanted payments without having regard to the fees it paid out to the school. Clearly the payments were not pure profit income of the council and thus did not constitute annual payments.

A further alternative argument made on behalf of the council that the payments were nonetheless "annuities" was not sustainable. The appeal failed.

Solicitors: Robin Thompson & Partners, Ilford; Solicitor of Inland Revenue.

Solicitor is entitled to costs in his own case

Regina v Stafford, Stone and Eccleshall Justices, Ex parte Robinson

Before Mr Justice Simon Brown

[Judgment November 2]

Where a solicitor had acted on his own behalf for part of proceedings instigated against him for alleged offences under the Trade Descriptions Act 1968, which were dismissed at the committal proceedings, and was awarded costs by the justices, he was entitled to the payment of all his costs, including those incurred in the course of conducting his own case, from central funds.

Mr Justice Simon Brown so held in the Queen's Bench Division in allowing an application by Mr Geoffrey Smith Robinson for judicial review for an order of *certiorari* quashing the decision of the clerk to the Stafford, Stone and Eccleshall Justices, dated November 6, 1986.

The clerk had refused the application by the applicant for payment of his costs, value-added tax and disbursements totalling £5,890.

Mr David Lamming for the applicant; The justices did not appear and were not represented.

MR JUSTICE SIMON BROWN said that following the justices' order for costs dated June 25, 1986 the applicant submitted a bill of costs to the justices' clerk.

By a letter dated November 6, 1986 the clerk stated: "Having given this matter a lot more thought I am now of a mind to treat Mr Robinson as any other defendant inquiring into his case before instructing solicitors.

"It is unfortunate he did so much work before adopting the proper course but I do not feel public funds should be burdened with that part of your claim."

His Lordship said that *London Scottish Benefit Society v Chorley* ((1884) 13 QBD 872) established that a solicitor who successfully defended himself in a civil litigation on taxation should properly recover his own costs whether or not the work was done by partners or clerks within the firm or by the party himself.

However, the only authority regarding costs in criminal proceedings was *R v Stockport Magistrates Court, Ex parte Cooper* ((1984) 148 JP 261).

That decision was in the applicant's favour to the extent that it suggested he should be compensated for the expenses actually incurred.

The applicant's own time was properly to be regarded as an expense incurred by him within the meaning of section 1(3) of the Costs in Criminal Cases Act 1973 [re-enacted as section 16 of the Prosecution of Offences Act 1985] properly construed.

It was right to say that solicitors' expenses properly could be held to include their own fees such as they would otherwise be earning on behalf of the firm.

Solicitors: Pickering & Pickering, Rugeley.

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124	(7)	20	SUPERBEST 78 BF (Mrs P Yong) W O'Gorman 9-0	T Ives	● 99
125	(12)	4	SWELL ROMANCE 10 (Mrs R Watson) R Whitaker 9-0	D McKeown	72
126	(19)	0	TARKOVSKY 10 (C St George) M W Easterby 9-0	M Birch	—
130	*(18)*		*BALDARINA* (Kinderhill Corporation) R Armstrong 8-9	P Tulk	—
132	(5)	000	CRIMPSALL 41 (J Griffin) M W Easterby 8-9	D Nicholls	74
133	(6)		ENCHANTING KATE (J Sinclair) C Booth 8-9	K Hodgson	—
134	(14)	0	HEDDA GARBLER 13 (S Digby) John FitzGerald 8-9	S Cauthen	76
136	(9)		PRINACARA (C Nicholson) D Arbuthnot 8-9	—	—
137	(21)	0420	PRINCESS SHAM 11 (T Mills) P Howling 8-9	N Adams	72
138	(11)	00330	SCARNING MOLETTE 7 (M Forbes) J Scallan 8-9	P Barnard (5)	83
139	(23)	030402	SISTER CHABRIAS 8 (P Dolan) M Haynes 8-9	J Reid	86
140	(3)	00040	TAYLORS PET 84 (Taylors of Soham Ltd) F Durr 8-9	A Barclay	77

BETTING: 7-2 Knighted Dancer, 4-1 Baldarina, 11-2 Superbest, 7-1 Gabish, 8-1 San Roque, 9-1 *Cossack Warrior*, 10-1 Hedda Garbler, 12-1 Scarning Molette, 15-1 Sister Chabrias, 20-1 others.

1986: KNOCKIN EXPRESS (9-0) M Miller (7-4 fav) G Huffer 23 ran

FORM COSSACK WARRIOR (9-0) a 50/1 chance when 3¾l 4th to Cruise Ship (9-0) at Newmarket (6f, £3587, good, Oct 30, 15 ran). GABISH failed to handle the heavy ground last time (7f; on debut (9-0) finished 2l 2nd of 7 to Book Collector (8-9) at Yarmouth (6f, £2924, good, Sept 17).
SAND ROQUE (7-12) was nearest at the finish when 6¼l 6th to Iron Seam (8-0) at Newmarket (7f, £4325, good to soft, Oct 31, 15 ran).
KNIGHTED DANCER (foaled Feb 15) is a close relative of stable's fair miler Junkard.
BALDARINA (foaled Mar 25) is a half-sister to several winners, most notably Ahonoora filly, Park Appeal.
No Selection:

1.45 WESTERN DESERT SELLING HANDICAP (£1,463: 1m) (20 runners)

201	(13)	402000	LOCHONICA 67 (G,S) (K Coxon) E Weymes 4-10-0	D Nicholls	97
202	(9)	0-11240	JELDAIRE 10 (C,D,S) (D White) N Tinkler 4-8-10	Kim Tinkler	93
203	(5)	300000	THE GREAT MATCH 29 (D,F) (N McAndrews) R Whitaker 3-8-6	D McKeown	92
207	(16)	0/000-08	BILLILLA 165 (Mrs H Stratton) G Balding 4-8-0	J Williams	84
208	(2)	103300	GLORY GOLD 9 (S) (M Brittain) M Brittain 3-7-13	K Darley	88
209	(4)	0/000-16	COVER INN 1 (D,S) (B Vincent) C Holmes 4-7-13	—	95
210	(8)	304002	MISS CHARMING 11 (B Schmidt-Bodner) M Ryan 3-7-13	G Bardwell (5)	97
212	(10)	0-00030	MR SAVVAS 53 (Z Papastylianou) C Charlet 4-7-11	R Morse (5)	88
213	(11)	00004	MY LUTH 10 (Mrs I Scane) G Huffer 3-7-11	W Carson	90
214	(15)	402303	PETROC CONCERT 10 (V) (D Gill) R Whitaker 3-7-10	N Carlisle	92
215	(1)	000-00	ANAKA 35 (B) (T Warner) K Stone 3-7-8	J Lowe	96
216	(6)	000001	SEPTEMBER SNAP 37 (D,F) (R Wright) B Stevens 3-7-8	P Barnard (5)	98
217	(3)	210040	KIRKBY FLYER 31 (D,F) (Miss J Tudor) R Whitaker 3-7-8	A Culhane (5)	93
218	(12)	0000-	FRAME OF POWER 458 (B) (Mrs H McConville) R Simpson 4-7-7	C Rutter	87
219	(7)	0-00000	MAYBEMUSIC 3 (F) (N Draper) P Bevan 3-7-7	J Quinn (5)	—
220	(17)	030212	SHARI LOUISE 1 (F,G,S) (Dr S Foster) J Spearing 4-7-7 (6ex)	NON--RUNNER	96
221	(18)	00000	HASTY SARAH 10 (R Martin) W Brooks 3-7-7	S Dawson	88
222	(19)	013000	SCOTCH IMP 42 (C,G) (T Broadley) D Chapman 3-7-7	R Fox	● 99
224	(20)	00003	NATIONCREST 46 (Nationcrest Ltd) H Collingridge 3-7-7	D Gibson (7)	97
225	(14)	000000	HEAVENLY CAROL 7 (S) (K Cundell) P Cundell 4-7-7	N Adams	87

BETTING: 100-30 Cover Inn, 4-1 September Snap, Miss Charming, 6-1 Petroc Concert, 8-1 Jeldaire, Glory Gold, 10-1 others.

1986: HIGHLAND TALE 3-8-12 R Hills (10-1) A Jarvis 19 ran

FORM GLORY GOLD when last running at 1m (8-2) finished 8½l 3rd to Fitterass Park (7-11) in Redcar handicap (£2646, good to firm, Sep 25, *21 ran*) with *KIRKBY FLYER (7-13) 3l 4th* and SCOTCH IMP (7-13) beat just 2 none.
COVER INN, (8-12) 1½l winner from Spanish Infanta (8-2) at Warwick (1m, £905, soft, Oct 12, 19 ran); latest (9-2) unplaced at Hamilton yesterday.
SEPTEMBER SNAP lost her maiden tag on firm ground at Brighton (8-5) beating Hatching (8-11) a length (1m, £1029, Sep 30, 17 ran).
SHARI LOUISE (7-11) had HEAVENLY CAROL (8-0) back in 8th when beating Breakfast In Bed (8-13) 2l at Newmarket (6f, £1859, good, Oct 30, 20 ran) and *ran a good race under (8-1) at Hamilton (6f)* yesterday, behind touched off by Sully's Choice (9-5).
SCOTCH IMP, at best in 7f handicap here in July, (7-9) beating Battle Queen (9-11) a length (£1845, good, 14 ran), but has been disappointing since.
Selection: GLORY GOLD

2.15 WEIGHT WATCHERS FROM HEINZ HANDICAP (£3,652: 7f) (21 runners)

301	(12)	301431	GOLD PROSPECT 22 (D,G,S) (H Spack) G Balding 5-9-10	S Cauthen	94
302	(11)	031800	JUST A FLUTTER 22 (F,G) (F Wilson) M Jarvis 3-9-6	C Pollard (7)	84
303	(3)	102102	WING PARK 13 (D,G) (Miss C Morris) A Bailey 3-9-4	Pat Eddery	● 99
304	(14)	100600	FATHER TIME 13 (B,F,G,S) (Mrs A Hollest) D Thom 3-9-1	Gay Kelleway (3)	92
305	(13)	314-420	HAATIF 102 (G) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 3-9-0	R Hills	88
307	(9)	321012	START-RITE 93 (B,F,G) (A Foustok) W O'Gorman 3-8-10	T Ives	90
310	(15)	232013	GOLDEN ANCONA 13 (BF,G,S) (D Gorton) M H Easterby 4-8-6	M Birch	94
311	(6)	021000	STAY LOW 55 (B,C,D,F,G,S) (G Blum) G Blum 3-8-6	P Bloomfield	93
313	(4)	020411	INSHAD 38 (D,F,G) (H Al-Maktoum) A Stewart 3-8-3	M Roberts	95
314	*(1)*	004231	MASTER POKEY 20 (F,G,S) (*Lord Belper*) M W Easterby 3-8-1	L Charnock	95
318	(7)	404241	AFRICAN QUEEN 10 (D,S) (H Kaskel) B Hills 3-7-12 (7ex)	W Carson	94
319	(20)	010000	BATON BOY 80 (C,D,G) (A Wragg) M Britain 6-7-10	A Proud	96
320	(19)	220001	BOLD DUCHESS 18 (S) (F Lee) M Jarvis 3-7-9	G Bardwell (5)	95
321	(18)	000000	JOKIST 13 (F,G,S) (J Virgo) P Cundell 4-7-8	R Fox	—
322	(5)	034330	REGAL REFORM 20 (R Clifford-Turner) J Shaw 4-7-8	G Carter	94
324	(16)	000031	LORD THATCH 17 (S) (S Mear) J Jefferson 3-7-7	T Williams	93
325	(8)	000	BRODIE 18 (Mrs M Urquhart) C Booth 3-7-7	J Lowe	—
326	(17)	431000	SERGEANT MERYLL 6 (G,S) (Mrs J Moodie) P Howling 3-7-7	N Adams	91
327	(21)	110133	PINCTADA 4 (CD,BF,G,S) (T Ramsden) R Simpson 5-7-7	S Dawson	91
328	(2)	033133	OLYMPIC CHALLENGER 9 (B,BF,S) (Mrs I Ryles) J Berry 3-7-7	*Dana Mellor (5)*	75
330	(10)	40-0000	HOPTONS CHANCE 100 (R Churm) C J Bell 5-7-7	N Carlisle	—

BETTING: 7-1 Gold Prospect, 15-2 Wing Park, 8-1 Master Pokey, 9-1 Pinctada, Start-Rite, 10-1 Inshad, 11-1 Haatif, Golden Ancona, Bold Duchess, 12-1 Lord Thatch, African Queen, 14-1 Baton Boy, Regal Reform, 16-1 others.

1986: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM GOLD PROSPECT, back to form at Newmarket last time (9-3) beating Mashbub 2l (7f, £6500, good to soft, Oct 15, 18 ran) *with JUST A FLUTTER (9-4) 9l 6th.*
WING PARK, effective over 6f and 7f, had shorter trip here last time when (9-5) running a length 2nd to Mayor (7-9), with GOLDEN ANCONA (8-7) 3l 3rd and FATHER TIME (9-2) in rear (£6400, good, Oct 24, 20 ran).
INSHAD (9-2) had SERGEANT MERYLL (8-8) 8l back in 5th when beating Battle Queen (9-7) in a photo finish at Goodwood (7f, £3096, good, Sept 29, 9 ran).
MASTER POKEY (7-13) beat Spanish Calm (8-3) 2l over 6f at Newmarket (£9065, good to soft, Oct 17, 17 ran), and is just as effective over 7f.
BOLD DUCHESS (8-6) made most for decisive 6l win over Cree's Figurine (8-0) in Chepstow claimer (1m, £1825, soft, Oct 19, 17 ran).
LORD THATCH broke duck in Leicester 22 runner event (9-1) beating Grumbie (9-10) 3l (1m, £3171, soft, Oct 20).
Selection: BOLD DUCHESS

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
H Cecil	30	95	31.6	W Carson	48	275	17.5
W Hern	23	82	28.0	S Cauthen	44	257	17.1
W O'Gorman	13	66	19.7	N Day	7	44	15.9
J Dunlop	17	106	16.0	Pat Eddery	28	179	15.6
B Hills	24	153	15.7	S Dawson	6	48	12.5
Thomson Jones	8	68	11.8	R Hills	12	97	12.4

2.45 UNKNOWN SOLDIER HANDICAP (£4,947: 2m) (15 runners)

401	(2)	012/024	KAYUDEE 20 (B,F,G) (Kenton Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-9-10	S Cauthen	97
402	(4)	3-13312	SIT ELNAAS 20 (G) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 4-9-8	R Hills (4)	94
403	(5)	3-44402	FRANCHISE 133 (B,F) (Mrs J de Rothschild) R Johnson Houghton 4-9-6	J Reid	92
404	(1)	030200	FATU HIVA 15 (B,G) (R Kasselowsky) John FitzGerald 3-9-4	Pat Eddery	94
405	(13)	400201	PRIVATE AUDITION 20 (C,S) (P H Betts Holdings Ltd) M Tompkins 5-9-3	G Carter	92
406	(6)	2/1000-0	MAIN REASON 35 (F,S) (F Lee) F Lee 5-9-3	R Lappin (5)	91
408	(7)	040/00-1	WATER CANNON 23 (V,D,F,S) (F Lee) F Lee 5-8-9	S Perks	88
411	(10)	111202	DRESS UP 20 (B,G) (T Kindom) M H Easterby 3-8-8	M Birch	90
413	(15)	100010	IBN MAJED 20 (C,D,F,S) (P O'Donnell) C Spares 5-8-0	A Proud	93
414	(11)	30340-0	DENBERDAR 71 (D Newton) R Hollinshead 4-7-13	A Culhane (5)	85
415	(8)	0300/00	OLD HUBERT 18 (F,C,S) (T Ramsden) A Bailey 6-7-12	N Adams	94
416	(9)	131110	PENNY FORUM 15 (G) (R Surridge) J Sutcliffe 3-7-11	D Gibson (7)	90
417	(3)	4322200	JABARABA 4 (C,F) (J Bosswell) L Cossell 5-7-10	W Carson	95
418	(12)	000130	ROYAL ASTRONAUT 14 (S) (J Ross) G Moore 3-7-9	T Williams	98
420	(14)	001232	TAYLOR CARES 10 (G) (D Lambs) C Brittain 3-7-7	J Lowe	● 99

BETTING: 11-2 Kayudee, 6-1 Taylor Cares, Private Audition, Jabaraba, Fatu Hiva, 7-1 Water Cannon, 10-1 Sit Elnaas, 12-1 Penny Forum, Franchise, Dress Up, 14-1 others.

1986: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FRANCISE has first outing since finishing 2l 2nd (9-12) to Santella Boy (8-7) at Lingfield (2m, £1736, good to soft, June 26, 10 ran).
PRIVATE AUDITION (7-9) stormed 8l clear of SIT ELNAAS (8-7) in Newmarket's Cesarewitch (2m 2f, £4334, good to soft, Oct 17, 20 ran) with KAYUDEE (9-0) 5l away 4th and IBN MAJED (7-7) out of first 9.
WATER CANNON running on Flat for first time in 16 months when 4l Haydock winner (8-13) from Theodas (7-10) (2m, £4690, heavy, Oct 14, 6 ran).
PENNY FORUM'S winning run came to an end at Newbury; previously (8-1) beat JABARABA (8-8) ½l at Wolverhampton (1m 4f, £3019, good, Oct 5, 7 ran).
Selection: KAYUDEE

3.15 DUNKIRK MAIDEN STAKES (Div II: 2-Y-O: £1,227: 6f) (20 runners)

502	(16)	00	FLYING STEEL 38 (R Robins) R Hollinshead 9-0	S Perks	—
503	(17)		FOR NOTHING (Miss S Hornby) M Jarvis 9-0	B Raymond	—
504	(5)	0	HIDDEN PLANET 7 (Lord Cadogan) G Pritchard-Gordon 9-0	G Carter	—
507	(14)		MAHIB (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-0	R Hills	—
508	(20)	43	MARIANO 7 (D Montagu) J Dunlop 9-0	Pat Eddery	● 99
509	(3)	0	MASONS AVENUE 13 (D Roberts) R Boss 9-0	M Roberts	93
512	(4)	04	PIERROCINI 50 (Saunoroft Ltd) R Casey 9-0	S Cauthen	85
513	(12)		PLAIN FACT (F Kirwan) M Prescott 9-0	C Nutter	—
514	(1)	0	POODLE 24 (Lady Hesketh) M W Easterby 9-0	M Birch	—
517	(2)		ST ELMO'S FIRE (Elyon Farmers Ltd) M Prescott 9-0	G Duffield	—
518	(18)		STONE FOREST (R Sangster) B Hills 9-0	C Asmussen	—
519	(15)	00	THE GAY GENERAL 8 (J Whelan) P Howling 9-0	N Adams	—
521	(13)		BIDDERS PRINCESS (G A Farndon Eng Co Ltd) R Whittaker 8-9	D McKeown	—
522	(7)		DONALEE (Kenton Utilities & Dev Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-9	M Wood	—
524	(9)	04200	HINARI HI FI 11 (Hinari Consumer Electronics) M Johnston 8-9	R P Elliott	90
530	(8)	00	PACIFIC GULL 43 (W Gredley) B Hills 8-9	M Hills	—
531	(10)		PENGO (Mrs J de Rothschild) R Johnson Houghton 8-9	J Reid	—
532	(19)	0040	SCARNING DIGIT 28 (V) (M Forbes) J Scallan 8-9	P Barnard (5)	73
533	(6)	0	SMACK ON TARGET 10 (K Fitzmaurice) B McMahon 8-9	T Williams	—
534	(11)	00	STONE ME 10 (I Anderson) M W Easterby 8-9	M Hindley	—

BETTING: 9-4 Mariano, 11-4 Mahib, 4-1 Stone Forest, 7-1 For Nothing, 9-1 Pengo, 10-1 Pierrocini, 12-1 Hinari Hi Fi, 14-1 others.

1986: GILBERTO 9-0 W Carson (4-1) J Dunlop 22 ran

FORM MARIANO (9-0) had unfanced HIDDEN PLANET (9-0) well behind when 2¼l 3rd to Cruise Ship (9-0) at Newmarket (6f, £3587, good, Oct 30, 15 ran).
ST ELMO'S FIRE (foaled Mar 29, cost 15000gns) is half-brother to a number of sprinters including Molecomb winner Gemini Fire.
STONE FOREST (foaled Jan 29) is a full-brother to very useful 1986 juvenile sprinter Mansoo).
No Selection

3.45 ROYAL BRITISH LEGION STAKES (£2,893: 1m 6f 127yd) (17 runners)

603	(13)	2211111	PROUD CREST 21 (G,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 3-9-1	S Cauthen	95
605	(10)	14/	SHELBOURNE (A Dawson) J Haldane 5-9-0	K Darley	—
608	(12)	3400/0	LINDI'S GOLD 13 (G) (D Lamplough) Hbt Jones 3-8-10	M Hills	60
609	(16)	001	POSITIVE WAY 29 (G) (P Muldoon) S Muldoon 3-8-10	Pat Eddery	87
610	(8)	0-010/03	CAMILLA'S GIRL 31 (G) (Mrs J Cash) T Hallett 3-8-7	N Adams	61
613	(17)	122	OCEAN BALLAD 100 (S) (R Hollingsworth) W Hern 3-8-7	W Carson	● 99
614	(14)	000/00	ASTURIAS 10 (BF) (Mrs A Dawson) J Jefferson 4-8-5	B Raymond	75
616	(7)	00-	JIMNASTICS 455 (R Brazington) R Brazington 7-8-5	J Williams	—
618	(2)	400030	BREGUET 20 (Don E Incrsa) E Incsa 4-8-2	Kim Tinkler	50
619	(6)	0-00030	CHLOROPHYLL 122 (R Francis) C Brittain 4-8-2	G Bardwell (5)	68
620	(4)	03	HIGHTOWN FONTANA 8 (Hightown Finance Agency) R Hodges 6-8-2	C Rutter	76
621	(9)	0	BURNT FINGERS 25 (L Holliday) J Bethell 3-8-1	M Roberts	74
622	(3)	0-00000	LOVENKO 4 (D Jackson) H Collingridge 3-8-1	R Fox	—
623	(1)	300430	QUESSARD 11 (F Lee) F Lee 3-8-1	R Lappin (5)	82
624	(11)	000	TAXI LAD 25 (Mrs C Davies) R Brazington 3-8-1	S Dawson	—
625	(15)	00	COUNTESS OF HONOUR 35 (T Tak Tan) M Jarvis 3-7-12	G Carter	75
627	(5)	00	SYRIAN PORT 10 (B Hughes) W Hastings-Bass 3-7-12	R Lines (3)	78

BETTING: 9-4 *Proud Crest*, 100-30 Ocean Ballad, 11-2 Positive Way, 8-1 *Quessard*, 9-1 Hightown Fontana, 12-1 Asturias, 14-1 Syrian Port, 16-1 Countess Of Honour, 20-1 Chlorophyll, 25-1 others.

1986: QUEEN HELEN 3-8-12 W Carson (4-9 fav) W Hern 16 ran

FORM PROUD CREST walked over last time; best form came at Haydock in September (1m 4f, £3413, good, 4 ran) when (9-2) length winner from Mountain Isle (8-10) with Quessard (8-11) 2½l 4th.
POSITIVE WAY (8-2) seemingly showed much improved form to beat Primula Star (7-13) 2½l in apprentice race at York last time (1m 4f, £3220, good, Oct 8, 9 ran) with QUESSARD (8-2) 5l 3rd.
OCEAN BALLAD (8-11) ran excellent ¾l 2nd to prolific winner Angel City (8-12) at Goodwood (1m 5f, £8285, good to firm, 8 ran) when last seen out in July.
HIGHTOWN FONTANA (11-2) can improve on 6l 3rd of 15 to Prince Satire (11-9) in Folkestone amateur race (1m 4f, £1062, good to soft, Oct 29).
Selection: OCEAN BALLAD

4.15 NORMANDY BEACHES NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £1,962: 5f) (22 runners)

1	(4)	13	RISING DEXY 18 (G) (P Georgiou) G Huffer 9-7	G Bardwell (5)	86
2	(16)	01300	HINARI VIDEO 9 (G) (B.D) (Hinari Electronics) M Johnston 9-6	R P Elliott	87
4	(1)	100	BELLEFIRE 9 (D,F) (J FitzGerald) Jimmy FitzGerald 9-4	J Carroll (5)	80
5	(22)	003	PELHAM PLACE 38 (Mrs C Geraghty) M W Easterby 9-4	M Birch	82
7	(12)	404021	ASHLAR BOY 20 (D,S) (S Reakes) R Hollinshead 9-3	A Culhane (5)	96
8	(18)	114023	*MERE MELODY 7 (D,G,S) (M Brittain) M Brittain 9-3*	*Pat Eddery*	98
9	(9)	032	MINE'S A DOUBLE 20 (Mrs G Rees) Capt J Wilson 9-0	Julie Bowker (7)	98
10	(15)	003044	PAMPERED DREAM 9 (R Cox) A Bailey 8-10	P Bloomfield	88
11	(3)	034100	ROSE SUNDAE 52 (D,S) (Mrs E Rhind) M W Easterby 8-9	L Charnock	91
12	(7)	0443	ANTHONY LORETTO 13 (Stuncroft Ltd) R Casey 8-9	S Cauthen	96
13	(20)	0400	LAUGHING HOME 11 (Miss A Rawding) P Makin 8-6	T Williams	89
14	(8)	002144	FAIRFIELD LAD 7 (S) D (J Hay) M Tompkins 8-6	G Carter	97
15	(14)	040030	WINDATUM 13 (F) (Mrs N Macauley) Mrs N Macauley 8-5	—	95
16	(21)	100030	KARLA'S STAR 9 (D,F,S) (T Thomson Jones) S Wood (7)	S Wood (7)	90
19	(5)	P00031	BATCHWORTH DANCER 18 (D,S) (Mrs D Price) M Brittain 7-13	K Darley	● 99
22	(17)	021000	DAPPLED FLAG 9 (D,G) (E Curran) T Barron 7-11	J Lowe	93
23	(6)	010402	DEEBEE DEEBEE 21 (D,G) (W Blakey) M Brittain 7-11	A Proud	89
24	(19)	01	MAMMA SAYS NO 21 (D,S) (E Savill) R Hollinshead 7-10	G Hind (7)	90
26	(11)	003	ATTILA THE HONEY 21 (Mrs D Johnston) M Johnston 7-7	N Carlisle	86
27	(10)	210000	UCANBID 29 (D,F) (Mrs J Bray) B Stevens 7-7	N Adams	91
28	(13)	344034	PEACONPALA 11 (D,F) (R Ashford) Miss A King 7-7	D Gibson (7)	89
29	(2)	0000	MASTER TYKE 21 (D Wnse) A Smith 7-7	J Quinn (5)	81

BETTING: 7-2 Batchworth Dancer, 5-1 Anthony Loretto, 6-1 Ashlar Boy, 13-2 Mere Melody, 7-1 Mine's A Double, 8-1 Fairfield Lad, 12-1 Rising Dexy, Mamma Says No, 14-1 Pampered Dream, 16-1 Deebee Deebee, 20-1 others.

1986: SANDALL PARK 7-9 L Charnock (9-4 fav) M W Easterby 14 ran

FORM ASHLAR BOY (9-0) had nothing to spare when a head winner from MINES'S A DOUBLE (9-0) in Catterick maiden last time (5f, £2238, good to soft, Oct 17, 15 ran) with PAMPERED DREAM (9-0) 4½l 4th
MERE MELODY (8-9) continued in good form with Newmarket ¾l to Vinnenda (8-12) last time (5f, £4232, good, Oct 30, 17 ran) with FAIRFIELD LAD (7-12) a *head 4th.*
ANTHONY LORETTO (9-0) ran 6½l 3rd to Yakoyna (8-9) here last time (6f, £3852, good, Oct 24, 23 ran) looking as though a return to 5f would suit.
BATCHWORTH DANCER (8-11) caused a 25/1 surprise on heavy ground at Hamilton last time (5f, Mdn, £959, Oct 19, 6 ran) bearing stablemate and favourite Daring Delight (8-11) ¾l.
MAMA SAYS SO (8-6) apprentice ridden to win Catterick seller (5f, £1078, soft, Oct 16, 14 ran) by a head from White Carr (8-7) with BATCHWORTH DANCER (8-6) ½l 3rd.
Selection: ANTHONY LORETTO

Dunwoody's Stratford double

Richard Dunwoody completed a 286-1 double on Trust The Irish and Iron Gray in the two divisions of the Southern Cross Novices' Hurdle at Stratford yesterday.

Newcomer Trust The Irish was returned at 40-1 but won decisively by six lengths and landed a touch for his connections.

His trainer, Hugh O'Neill, said: "I've only had him for eight weeks but he's shown me a real touch of class at home. I thought he would win today and told all my owners."

Tom Morgan and John Edwards were also in top form, completing a short-priced double with Bob Tisdall and Mountain Crash.

BANGOR

Selections

By Mandarin

1.00 Daffodil.	2.30 The Man Himself.
1.30 Wedding Talk.	3.00 Rosie Cone.
2.00 Chipped Metal.	3.30 Baluchi.
	4.00 Highfrith.

Going: soft (heavy approaching water jump)

1.0 TILSTON NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £685: 2m 4f 20yd) (6 runners)

1		130	STRONG SEA 6 (B,G) (Mrs K Brown) A Brown 11-4	P Scudamore	—
2		111P12	DAFFODIL 16 (C,F,G,S) (Mrs Y Sivrier) Mrs S Oliver 11-2	R Hyett	—
3		*33414*	*BOROTOWN 11 (S)* (I McGreavy) D Wintle 10-13	*D Murphy*	—
7		0	CHIROPODIST 23 (Mrs B Curley) B Curley 10-12	C Smith	—
11		0	FRIENDLY FELLOW 14 (Mrs B Gittins) F Jordan 10-12	R Dunwoody	—
19		30	PALACE RULER 20 (Queensway China Ltd) P Bevan 10-7	—	—

BETTING: 4-7 Daffodil, 5-1 Borotown, 13-2 Strong Sea, 10-1 Friendly Fellow, 15-1 Palace Ruler, 20-1 Chiropodist.

1986: SPLENDID MAGNOLIA 11-3 J Lower (2-1 js-fav) M Pipe 10 ran

1.30 COLIN TURNER PHOTOGRAPHY CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HURDLE (£666: 2m 80yd) (16 runners)

1		F0-P004	CRAVEN BOY 6 (F) (J Price) R Price 5-11-1	Diane Clay	—
2		0P	CARDAVE 6 (J Archer) W Clay 4-10-12	N Fearn	95
3		400	DOLBEN BOY 13 (V) (B Owen) P Pritchard 6-10-12	C Llewellyn	—
4		0/F0-PP	DUNARUNNA 56 (P Purdy) B Forsey 6-10-12	P Millar	—
5		0	FLOMEGAS DAY 55 (B) (P Hatton) R E Peacock 5-10-12	D Morris	—
7		P00/0-	HIVE OFF 457 (E Finch) W G M Turner 6-10-12	A Charlton	86
8		00-303	SIR WAGER 27 (BF) (Mrs G Reeve) C Trietline 6-10-12	S Mackey	—
9		0	SLINTY HILL 14 (J Jones) J Cosgrave 6-10-12	G Lyons	82
10		3030P-0	SUSSEX OVERSEAS 8 (G (Parker) J J O'Neill 5-10-12	B O'Brien (5)	—
11		04-	THE CHALICEWELL 400 (R Darlington) M James 5-10-12	Tracey Turner	80
14		000-01P	LA BELLE OF SANTO 28 (F) (S Wells) *B Wells 4-10-10*	S McCrystal	● 99
15		03F20-0	WEDDING TALK 8 (S) (M Fry) O O'Neill 6-10-10	D Flood (5)	—
16		P	BATCHWORTH GIRL 27 (B) (R Morris) R Morris 4-10-7	S Davies	80
19		020-	LA MOLINILLA 177 (C Pointon) Miss S Wilton 4-10-7	Jessica Charles Jones	91
20		0-20233	LYSITHEA 10 (BF) (R Hedrotch) W G M Turner 6-10-7	M Muggendge	—
21		0P-P0	WYSIWYG 14 (T Caswell) Miss S Bather 5-10-7	—	—

BETTING: 11-4 La Belle Of Santo, 4-1 Lysithea, 5-1 Sir Wager, 7-1 Dolben Boy, 8-1 Wedding Talk, 10-1 Craven Boy, 12-1 Sussex Overseas, 16-1 others.

1986: HARBOUR BAZAAR 6-11-7 D Gallagher (9-2) R Simpson 16 ran

2.0 MOLD HANDICAP CHASE (£2,099: 3m) (9 runners)

1		21U30F-	PREMIER CHARLIE 186 (F,G,S) (R Brazier) W G M Turner 9-12-4	R J Beggan	94
2		14204-1	CHIPPED METAL 20 (CD,F,G,S) (Sir J Barlow) R Frances 8-11-7	S J O'Neill	90
4		3B0/001-	MOUNT OLIVER 350 (D,G,S) (D Smith) M Scudamore 9-10-13	G Bradley	90
5		10/8311U-	PACIFISTE 200 (S) (M Hellyer) Mrs M Dickinson 7-10-12	Miss J Henry	94
6		P4414-0	FLYING MISTRESS 28 (F,S) (T Bell) J Webber 9-10-6	P Tuck	—
9		F00003/	HAPPY VOYAGE 970 (G,S) (S Harriety) R Earnshaw 12-10-5	Mr R Bevan (7)	92
10		000321-	COWECOPPER 188 (F,G,S) (Mrs M Price) B Preece 8-10-5	A O'Hagen	92
11		00/3123	PEA-COCK-ADE 20 (C,F,S) (Mrs H Knott) K White 11-10-3	—	—
12		U0P-PP0	*BE FREE 7 (F,S)* (Mrs G Bartle) Mrs G Bartle 12-10-0	—	—

BETTING: 9-4 Paciiste, 100-30 Chipped Metal, 6-1 Pea-Cock-Ade,

UK to host rugby and canoeing in Games

By John Goodbody

The first European Community Games, comprising at least 15 and probably 24 sports, will be staged from April 21 to May 1, 1989. The European Parliament last week gave its support to the venture which will be shared between all 12 member countries of the Common Market with at least one or two sports being held in each nation.

The £6 million cost of holding the event will come from sponsorship and television stations from 10 of the 12 countries have already agreed to give daily coverage of the events. The two exceptions so far are West Germany and Denmark.

Channel 4 will be screening the competition in Britain for at least an hour a day. Some of the host nations for individual sports have already been nominated. The United Kingdom will hold canoeing, seven-a-side rugby will be in France, yachting and boxing in Ireland, volleyball in Belgium, and modern pentathlon in West Germany. Other likely sports are athletics, swimming, orienteering, tug-of-war, roller hockey, weightlifting, hockey, cycling, judo, badminton, archery and rowing.

The sports will not have a full Olympic programme, relays will dominate the athletics, possibly mixing men and women and in rowing it is likely there will be a lightweight sprint event. Each sport will be completed in three days.

Twelve sponsors are being sought to provide at least £500,000 each for the 12 most popular sports.

The planning has been drawn up after a £100,000 feasibility study supported by Diners Club, and the games will be directed by the Association of European Community Games, comprising 40 people, 34 from governing bodies.

GOLF

Faldo and Lyle lead the charge

Tokyo (Reuter) — Sandy Lyle and Nick Faldo scored easy victories as the European team beat the United States 7-5 in the first round of Japan's $950,000 (about £550,000) world championship tournament yesterday. It was the Europeans' second victory this year after they defeated the United States in the Ryder Cup.

"I'm very happy with my team because all our players were under par and we had close and exciting matches," Bernhard Langer, the West German captain of the European side, said. Langer drew a thrilling match against Mark Calcavecchia with both players scoring 67, five under par, over the 7,017-yard Yomiuri course here.

Lyle, and José-María Olazábal, the Spaniard, were round in 68 to beat Lanny Wadkins and Scott Simpson, the US Open champion, while Faldo, the Open champion, finished three strokes ahead of Curtis Strange in the first round of the 54-hole, round-robin team competition. Ken Brown lost to Tom Kite, who had six birdies in an outward half of 31, while Ian Woosnam, the world match-play champion, went down by three strokes to Payne Stewart.

In the other match, the Australia-New Zealand team drew with the Japanese 6-6. Greg Norman, the Australian captain, had one eagle and three birdies in his brilliant round of 67, beating Toru Nakamura by seven strokes.

In today's second round, the European team meet Japan, who won last year, and Australia/New Zealand face the Americans. On Sunday, the two teams with most points compete for the $360,000 championship prize — $60,000 for each team member — in the final of this stroke-play competition.

RESULTS: First round: Europe 7, United States 5 (European names first): I Woosnam, 71, lost to P Stewart, 68; A Lyle, 68, bt L Wadkins, 72; B Langer, 67, drew with M Calcavecchia, 67; J-M Olazábal, 68, bt S Simpson, 69; K Brown, 71, lost to T Kite, 68; N Faldo, 70, bt C Strange, 73. **Australia/New Zealand 6, Japan 6 (Aus/NZ names first):** I Baker-Finch, 73, lost to T Ozaki 71; B Jones, 68, drew with H Meshau, 68; P Senior, 70, bt I Aoki, 72; G Marsh, 74, lost to M Ozaki, 68; R Davis, 72, drew with T Nakajima, 72; G Norman, 67, bt T Nakamura, 74. **Standings:** 1, Europe, 7pts; 2, Australia/New Zealand, 6; 3, Japan, 6, 4, United States, 5.

FENCING

Clark is ready to back her high ranking

Fresh from a month's intensive training in Hungary, Sheena Clark, the London Thames épée fencer, is determined to win the Tolly Cobbold women's épée international in Ipswich this weekend (a Special Correspondent writes).

Her No. 1 home ranking and work with Steve Roose, the national coach and her fiancé, will increase her confidence, although her international rating is lower than the other British squad members: Kate Smith, Alda Milna-Barry (both London Thames) and Andrea de Bunsen (Reading).

Of the 63 fencers from 11 countries, Sophie Morrisée, of France, the world championship pentathlete and title-holder, and Brigitte Benon, the French épée champion, to whom Clark lost 8-3 in the semi-finals last year before finishing third, are feared most

Ocean racing has a reputation of being an elite sport, but today we announce a challenge for *all* yachtsmen

Nationwide search for talent is under way

The Times today announces a challenge to keep Britain in the top league of ocean yacht racing. The Royal Yachting Association is leading this nationwide quest for new talent in an enterprising scheme called Crewsearch, backed by *The Times* and James Capel and Co, the global investment company.

Crewsearch has been created to encourage sailing enthusiasts to strive towards the pinnacle of the sport: to represent Britain at international offshore racing events . . . the Admiral's Cup, world championships and the America's Cup are all within the range of the most talented and determined.

The Times/James Capel Crewsearch is open to men and women aged between 18 and 35 with no previous international experience. Crewsearch has the active support of the great names in the sport, including the America's Cup skippers, Harold Cudmore, Chris Law, Lawrie Smith and Phil Crebbin; the triple Olympic medal winner, Rodney Pattisson; the match-race champion, Eddie Warden Owen; the former Olympic helmsman, Mike McIntyre and the silver medal winner, Jo Richards; the One Ton Cup skipper, Graham Bailey; the One-design champion, Tim Law; and the women champions, Cathy Foster and Titch Blatchford.

It will be their task to pick out the top six crew at each of 10 regional sailing trials spread from the Solent to the Clyde, from Bangor, Northern Ireland, to Burnham-on-Crouch. The successful 60 will go forward and represent their areas at the grand final in the Solent next October.

All the races will include a number of compulsory crew routines designed not necessarily to find the fastest boat but also to provide judges with the opportunity to pick out the best bowmen, mastmen, sail trimmers and tacticians.

The best six individuals will each be awarded a £1,000 training bursary to further their experience in offshore racing. And all 60 finalists will be offered a trial on an America's Cup 12-metre yacht through Peter de Savary's Blue Arrow Challenge and the British America's Cup Challenge, headed by Graham Walker.

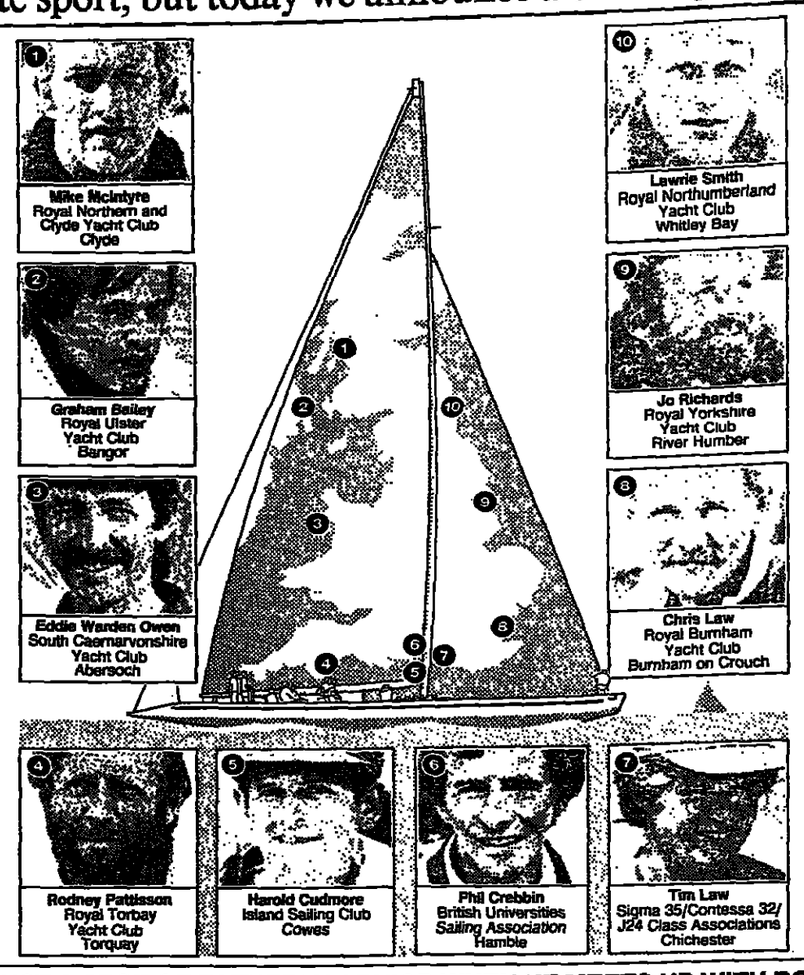
In addition, four women will be selected from the finals and provided with a yacht to compete with one of Britain's top women skippers in the 1989 McNamara Bowl women's international open championship at Lymington.

Graham Walker, whose yacht won the three-quarter-ton world championship last year and who captained the British team (also sponsored by James Capel) in the 1987 Admiral's Cup, said yesterday: "Crewsearch will encourage many people to test their sailing skills on an offshore yacht for the first time. It has my wholehearted support."

Peter de Savary also endorsed Crewsearch. He stated: "Yacht racing is too often seen as an elitist sport. This much-needed search for fresh talent will certainly help maintain Britain's position in the forefront of sailing."

Bill Edgerton, the RYA's offshore coach, said: "There is an acute shortage of good crew in offshore racing. Crewsearch will provide a conduit to introduce talent spawned in the dinghy and keelboat classes to offshore racing."

The 10 Crewsearch regional trials will begin in April next year and run at weekends over a six-month period. They will provide an opportunity for 700 potential crews to race with some of the great skippers. RYA coaches will be in attendance at each event, assisting in the selection of the top six and encouraging others who show promise to take up the opportunity to join the crews of Britain's top racing yachts on a personal basis.



How to enter

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AGE .....

OCCUPATION .....

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SAILING EXPERIENCE .....

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

The event organizers and sponsors shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however caused to the competitor as a result of taking part in the event or events.

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DATE .....

Send your entry to *The Times*/James Capel Crewsearch, The Times Sports Desk, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN

FOOTBALL: TERRY BUTCHER ANTICIPATES MORE THAN JUST A SPOT OF FATHERLY ADVICE WHEN HE MEETS UP WITH BOBBY ROBSON

A six-foot schoolboy with the world at his feet

From Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent, Zabrze

Terry Butcher, trapped somewhere in a world of bewildering contrasts, is finding his way out of his darkest nightmare and heading towards the promise of his brightest dream. The journey started last weekend when he went home to his family. The reception was far from warm.

In his own words, he "got a right telling off" for being sent off during the tempestuous fixture against Celtic. He accepts that he deserved the criticism and he knows that he will suffer the same treatment when he faces the man who has become his surrogate father in football, Bobby Robson.

Butcher will behave like a contrite schoolboy when he reports to the England headquarters at Bisham Abbey. Since he stands at well over six feet, the image is unlikely, but it is not the first time that he has filled the subservient role.

"I always seem to be eating humble pie, with my cap in hand, my head bowed and ready for the cane. I haven't thought about what I will say, but I know that he won't be pleased. He's told me before that I let off steam too often, and he's right."

Butcher cannot freely discuss the latest example of his indiscretion, or its possible implications in the future, but the experience of being summoned to a Glaswegian police station on Monday was clearly unsettling. The only consolation is that he has been given the rest, albeit enforced through suspension, that he requires.

The back that he twisted a couple of months ago and which immobilized him for 10 days is no longer a problem. "They didn't know what it was, but it is fine now." But the pelvis that he strained last season will take "another three years to sort itself out".

The publicity concerning "that game" might also have inhibited his performance for Glasgow Rangers against Gornik Zabrze on Wednesday, but the trip to Poland took him mercifully far away from the traumatic darkness. The aggregate victory prompted him to consider the possibility of "the best week of my life".

Within seven days he could be the lone individual to have lifted a Scottish club and the English nation into the closing stages of the Continent's principal competitions. The prospect is so dazzlingly appealing that he dares to stare at it with only one eye. The other is closed in prayer.

"It would be marvellous. For Rangers to reach the European Cup final would be unbelievable. There might be some resentment from people who say that we have bought success, but we are the only British team left and, like with Dundee United last season, almost all of Scotland will be behind us.

"That is something to look forward to, but it would be even better — make the summer even more fantastic — if England get through to the finals of the Europeans." He states unequivocally that the decisive qualifying tie against Yugoslavia in Belgrade on Wednesday is "the most important game of my career".

It overshadows even the World Cup ties in Mexico last year because he recalls the emotion that enveloped the England dressing room in Luxembourg four years ago. "When we heard that Denmark had beaten Greece and we were out of the finals in France, it was the most terrible feeling, absolutely horrible."

The fear of being locked once more inside a seemingly empty and endless cavern of disappointment is sure to act as a compelling incentive. The stakes may be high, but Butcher and his colleagues will play with determination rather than desperation. The collective spirit of aggression will be powerful but controlled. "We want to win, obviously; but it is as important that we win in style. That is the ultimate ambition. We will not spoil the game or make a mockery of it. Even though some may be playing for an extension of their international careers, we will not cheat.

"It will be tense but that helps us. They have to win. We've got pace up front and we can afford to sit back a little and hit them on the break. It will be nice to have the captain, Bryan Robson, there as well, because he's missed some crucial matches for us."

Butcher does not underestimate the Yugoslavs, but he believes that, if England survive in Belgrade, they could go on for the first time to become the kings of Europe. "We have a strong nucleus with lots of experience, including appearing in the World Cup, and there are some good youngsters coming through. That hasn't happened for a while."

As a senior representative and as the most experienced central defender, he is aware that he will be carrying the heaviest responsibility next week during an afternoon that Bobby Robson has described as potentially "white hot". Butcher, having let down "the person who has done more for me than anyone else", relishes the opportunity of repaying him.

"The gaffer feels so deeply, he is England's No. 1 fan. It would be great to do it just for him." Whatever Butcher's fate may be in the courts of Scotland, no punishment could be more severe than that which could be inflicted in five days on England's defence and on Butcher himself.


Judgment time: next Wednesday for Butcher and England

Moynihan warning to League clubs

By Dennis Signy

The Football League does not deserve to return to Europe until all clubs comply with the agreed 50 per cent membership scheme, Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, said yesterday.

Moynihan named the clubs that have not fulfilled the requirements, including Chelsea, whose chairman, Ken Bates, is a member of the League management committee. Moynihan said sanctions are likely against the nine clubs who have so far not complied. The others are Southampton, Wimbledon, Barnsley, Fulham, Darlington, Scarborough, Tranmere Rovers and Wrexham.

"If this has not been done by all the clubs then we do not deserve to be back in Europe," he said. "The few are letting down the majority who are trying to tackle this problem."

He said he had asked the League to recommend possible measures to be taken against the clubs; he had told UEFA in February not to judge English clubs until they had tackled measures to eradicate hooliganism. "I said we were not ready then," Moynihan said. "I said please assess it next year when these measures are in place. If you are satisfied with the package then please ensure that it is not five or 10 years hence, but next year that we are ready to come back."

The Minister, who joined England for the match against West Germany last month to study hooliganism in the "front line", said: "In recent years football has experienced the worst publicity of any sport. This is a time for change and everyone must play their part, not just the Government but the FA and boardrooms as well. Every possible measure should be taken to tackle the problem of hooliganism."

Moynihan, a Charlton Athletic supporter, spoke of the extension of closed-circuit television at League grounds and knowledge police had gained of trouble-makers who sit in stands and direct hooligan operations on the terraces.

In the wake of the arrests of four players in Scotland, Moynihan said: "There is no sport in this country where the sportsmen and women are above the law".

Fall of chief rivals gives Real the look of winners

From David Miller, Porto

In a turbulent, endlessly inventive European Cup second round match, Porto, the new champions until Wednesday night, and Real Madrid, the old masters, rolled back the years in a memorable tussle. Seldom do we see two such tactically accomplished sides, so sportingly aggressive, and as immaculately refereed.

Real, who last year were obliged to meet Juventus and Bayern in the early rounds, have now successively eliminated Naples and the holders to reach the quarter-final. Who can stop them? From one down in the first half and facing defeat, they came back to blitz Porto in the second, winning 2-1 and 4-2 on aggregate.

There is a real danger, I fancy, that English clubs are losing touch during their absence from European competition, for no one other than Liverpool and perhaps Everton would have lived with either of these teams the way they now play. However, there is an indirect indication that English clubs may be readmitted next season. Lausanne have applied to host next season's Cup Winners' final and have been privately "warned" by Jacques Georges, the UEFA president, that English clubs are likely to be involved in all competitions.

Tomislav Ivic, Porto's much-travelled Yugoslav coach, who first came to prominence with Hajduk in the 1970s, acknowledged Real's brilliance, but was frustrated and disappointed in defeat because injuries against Sporting in the League at the weekend had depleted and weakened his team. None the less, Porto had looked unanswerable during the opening 45 minutes, reducing Real to shooting impotently from 20 yards or more.

Leon Beenhakker, Real's Dutch coach, was gratified by his team's collective cool head, and their response when he sent out Llorente, his young winger, for the second half. "I'd always hoped to play three attackers, including Sánchez and Butragueño, from the start, but I was uncertain in the morning about the fitness of both Michel and Jankovic," Beenhakker said. "Happily we are maturing as a team, playing more with our heads than just our hearts when under pressure, and we should be at a peak, perhaps, next season."

Michel and Jankovic withstood the furious pace, so that at half-time, Beenhakker could make his switch, replacing his full back, Solana, with the extra forward.

Llorente's uncle is Gento, for so long the celebrated winger alongside Puskas in Real's most glorious years, and now their chief scout. He had no difficulty, of course, in advocating his young relation to the club. Llorente's speed, so reminiscent, tore holes in Porto in the second half and created both goals for Michel.

Porto's chief handicap was the absence of Celso, their Brazilian centre back, who was injured against Sporting. Additionally, Barros, their mobile centre forward, limped off five minutes before half-time with a strained thigh which had worsened: the loss of an irreplaceable colleague for the lithe Algerian, Madjer, who is to join Bayern at the end of this season.

Ivic reflected: "When you play zonal marking in defence as we do, it is necessary to be particularly alert, and Llorente stretched our weakened defence beyond its limit."

There had looked no danger for Porto throughout the first half, especially once they had gone in front with Sousa's free kick: a goal which alone would have been enough. Madjer had been fouled by Sanchis, Real's centre half, and Prokop, the referee, had strictly enforced the 10-yard rule, which gave Sousa the space to curl a splendid free kick into the top left-hand corner.

This dapper little red-haired East German is now arguably the most authoritative of FIFA's referees: often ahead of the ball when there is a sudden midfield break, and regularly standing beside an offender at the very instant of a foul. Prokop's efficiency merely underlines the normal inadequacy of the one-referee system under modern pressures.

Though Majer missed an easy chance four minutes before half-time, Porto seemed in no danger. Then came Llorente. Porto could not hold him and his burning acceleration repeatedly carried him to the goal line, that most threatening of positions, and Michel exploited his angled passes.

Liverpool on top for a week at least

With a depleted programme at the weekend, the first division leadership will stay unchanged. That will be something of a novelty after the events of the last week in which the lead has changed four times.

Liverpool regained the top spot from Arsenal in spite of the late deflection of a Ryan shot by Fairweather that earned Wimbledon a 1-1 draw at Plough Lane on Wednesday. Just after his entry as substitute for Johnston, Houghton had earlier given Liverpool the lead with his first goal since his £800,000 transfer from Oxford.

In the night's other first division fixture, Tottenham Hotspur narrowly avoided a sixth successive defeat — courtesy of Dillon, who missed a penalty for Portsmouth three minutes from time. Allan Harris, who may yet link up again with Terry Venables when Venables takes over as manager of Spurs, watched the 0-0 draw.

Gary Shelton scored twice for Oxford United, including a dramatic 89th-minute winner, as Leicester City let slip a 2-0 lead given them by Mike Newell in the Littlewoods Cup third round replay at Filbert Street.

Joe Royle, the Oldham manager, has a return to his former club Everton to look forward to after his side overturned Leeds 4-2 in an extra-time thriller.

In the other replay Peterborough fell to a goal from the Reading substitute, Gary Peters.

WEDNESDAY'S LATE RESULTS

EUROPEAN CUP: Second round, second leg: Gornik (Pol) 1, Rangers 1 (agg: 2-4) Anderlecht (Bel) 1, Sparta Prague (Cz) 0 (agg: 3-1); Bayern Munich (WG) 2, Neuchâtel Xamax (Switz) 0 (agg: 3-2); Benfica (Por) 1, Aarhus (Den) 0: (agg: 1-0); Bordeaux (Fr) 1, Lillestrom (Nor) 0 (agg: 1-0); Omonia Nicosia (Cyprus) 0, Steaua Bucharest (Rom) 2 (agg: 1-5); Porto (Por) 1, Real Madrid (Sp) 2 (agg: 2-4); PSV Eindhoven (Neth) 2, Rapid Vienna (Austria) 0 (agg: 4-1).

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: Second round: second leg: St Mirren 0, Mechelen 2 (agg: 0-2); Ajax (Neth) 2, SV Hamburg 0 (agg: 3-0); Atalanta (It) 2, OFI Crete (Gr) 0 (agg: 2-1); Dynamo Minsk (USSR) 0, Real Sociedad (Sp) 0 (agg 1-1; Minsk win on away goals); Rovaniemen (Fin) 1, Vllaznia Shkoder (Albania) 0 (agg: 2-0).

UEFA CUP: Second round, second leg: Feyenoord (Neth) 1, Aberdeen 0 (agg 2-2; Feyenoord win on away goals), Vitkovice (Cz) 1, Dundee United 1 (agg: 3-2); Bayer Leverkusen (WG) 1, Toulouse (Fr) 1 (agg: 2-1); Beneventi (Bel) 1, Vitoria Guimaraes (Por) 0 (agg 1-1; score after 90min 1-0; Vitoria Guimaraes won on penalties); Bruges (Bel) 4, Red Star Belgrade (Yug) 0 (agg: 5-3); Dynamo Moscow (USSR) 0, Barcelona (Sp) 0 (agg: 0-2); Dynamo Tbilisi (USSR) 0, Victoria Bucharest (Rom) 0 (agg: 2-0); Espanol (Sp) 0, AC Milan (It) 0 (agg 2-0); Flamurtari Vlora (Albania) 2, Wismut Aue (EG) 0 (agg 2-1); Sportul Studentesc (Rom) 3, Brondbyernes (Den) 0 (aet; score after 90mn 3-0, agg 3-3; Sportul won 3-0 on penalties); Turku (Fin) 0, Internazionale 2 (agg: 1-2); Velez Mostar (Yug) 2, Borussia Dortmund (WG) 1 (agg: 2-3); Young Boys Berne (Switz) 1, Den Haag 0 (agg 2-2; Young Boys won on away goals).

LITTLEWOODS CUP: Third round replays: Leicester City 2, Oxford United 3; Oldham 4, Leeds United 2 (aet, score after 90min 2-2); Reading 1, Peterborough 0.

BARCLAYS LEAGUE: First division: Portsmouth 0, Tottenham Hotspur 0; Wimbledon 1, Liverpool 1.

SECOND DIVISION: Manchester City 1, Middlesbrough 1; West Bromwich Albion 4, Sheffield United 0.

THIRD DIVISION: Brighton 2, Doncaster 0; Bristol Rovers 1, Preston 2; Chester 1, Port Vale 0; Northampton 0, York 0.

FOURTH DIVISION: Scarborough 1, Cardiff 1.

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Weymouth 2, Sutton 1.

GMAC CUP: Second round: Boston 0, Bromsgrove 2; Harwich 1, Manna 0; Lincoln 4, Bedworth 1; Maidstone 0, Enfield 2.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Mansfield 0, Stoke 1. **Second division:** Newcastle 5, Wigan 1; Blackburn 2, Bolton 2.

SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: Crystal Palace 0, Queen's Park Rangers 2; Millwall 2, Luton 3.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Leicester United 4, Cambridge City 3; Sherbed Charterhouse 2, Redditch 0. **Westigate Insurance Cup:** Bury Town 3, Kings Lynn 0.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Roadferry Cup: Second round: Bangor 2, Ballymena 1, Carrick 0, Coleraine 4; Newry 1, Linfield Swifts 1, (aet; Newry won 4-2 on penalties).

FA TROPHY: Second qualifying round: Melksham 0, Gloucester City 2. **Second qualifying round replay:** South Liverpool 4, Worksop 1.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: First division: Chesham 1, Wembley 2, Kingsbury 0, Oxford City 2. **Second division south:** Feltham 4, Yeading 3.

KNIGHT FLOODLIT LEAGUE: Royston 2, Stevenage Borough 1.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Marshead 5, Exmouth 2; Plymouth Argyle reserves 2, Barnstaple 0; Saltash 8, Tonnington 0. **League Cup: First round:** Tiverton 1, Taunton 2.

FA YOUTH CUP: Second round: Cheltenham 1, Swansea city 4.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Drybroughs Northern League 2, FA XI 2.

RUGBY UNION

TOSHIBA COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Hertfordshire 10, Eastern Counties 0; Lancashire 21, Cumbria 21, Surrey 9, Kent 9, Sussex 8, Hampshire 30; Yorkshire 68, Cheshire 8, Gloucestershire 42, Somerset 22, Northumberland 0, Durham 21.

CLUB MATCHES: Bridgend 3, Pontypridd 16; Glamorgan Wanderers 26, Bristol 6; Gloucester 27, South Wales Police 6; Llanelli 18, Cambridge University 15; Newport 15, South Glamorgan Institute 13, Swansea 38, Ebbw Vale 17, Aberavon 34, Central Glamorgan 4

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Bancroft's 22, City of London 0, Ellesmere 27, Liverpool 3; KCS Wimbledon 20, RGS Guildford 7; Loughborough GS 55, Lauren Sherif 6; Richard Hayle 3, RGS High Wycombe 41; St Bartholomew's, Newbury 16, Magdalen 3; St Edward's, Oxford 32, Pangbourne 6; Tiffin 32, St George's 12.

RUGBY LEAGUE

TOUR MATCH: Hull 26, Auckland (NZ) 24.

Lawrenson is not for sale

Liverpool moved swiftly yesterday to quell speculation that Mark Lawrenson, the Republic of Ireland international defender, was to be allowed to leave Anfield (Ian Ross writes).

In response to suggestions that Lawrenson had handed in an official transfer request earlier this week, a club spokesman said: "Mark Lawrenson is not for sale. We have received some inquiries about him, the last being from David Pleat shortly before he finished at Tottenham Hotspur."

Lawrenson has been unable to command a regular first team place this season.

● Celtic will receive £373,600 for their Scottish international forward, Maurice Johnston, who now plays in France with Nantes. The fee has been set by UEFA after the clubs failed to agree. Celtic demanded £400,000 but Nantes offered £280,000. Celtic are upset about the way the affair has been handled.

● Notts County have signed the Bradford City winger, Adrian Thorpe, for £50,000. He has been unsettled for some time. The County manager, John Barnwell, has not decided whether Thorpe will play against Brentford at Meadow Lane tomorrow.

● Southend United, struggling near the foot of the third division, are hoping to sign the Cambridge United forward, David Crown, in time for tomorrow's match at Wigan Athletic. The two clubs have agreed on a £50,000 deal and the decision rests with the player.

● Mark Hughes, on loan to Bayern Munich from Barcelona until the end of the season, will probably make his debut for the West German champions this weekend when they play Bayer Uerdingen at home.

● John Newman, the former Exeter City, Grimsby Town, Derby County and Hereford United manager, has joined York City as assistant to the manager, Bobby Saxton. They will resume a partnership which started 12 years ago when Newman signed Saxton as a player for Exeter

McKee plays leading role

Stephen McKee, the Ballymena United player who joined Bangor at the start of the season, played a major role in his former club's 2-1 defeat at Clandeboye Road (George Ace writes). McKee placed a pinpoint pass for Douglas to put Bangor ahead and then added a second himself 15 minutes after the break, to effectively end United's interest in the Roadferry Cup.

Coleraine added to Carrick Rangers' woe by scoring four times at Taylor's Avenue without reply. Newry Town edged out Linfield Swifts 4-2 in a penalty shoot-out. Distillery went out of the competition, going down to an extra-time goal by Ronnie Mudd for Ards.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

Barclays League

Fourth division

Halifax v Colchester .....
Stockport v Torquay .....
Tranmere v Wrexham .....

SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: Brighton v Charlton (7.15); Norwich v Fulham.

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCHES: East District RU under-21 v New Zealand under-21 (at Cardiff, 7.15); North and Mid Districts XV v Sri Lanka (at Aberystwyth, 7.0).

CLUB MATCHES: Newbridge v Bath (7.15), Pontypridd v Swansea (7.0).

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: Northern championships (at Birkenhead).

BOWLS: CIS Insurance UK indoor singles championship (at Preston). Indoor county match: Norfolk v Eastern Counties (at North Walsham).

RACKETS: Celestion invitation doubles championship (at Queen's Club, West Kensington).

REAL TENNIS: Masters open doubles championship (at Lord's).

SPEEDWAY: Hackney Autumn triangle.

TENNIS: LTA Women's tournament (at Telford).

SPORT ON TV

BASEBALL 1987: St Louis Cardinals v San Francisco Giants. ITV: 4.55 a.m. (tomorrow)

SPORT ON FRIDAY: Bowls: CIS Insurance United Kingdom indoor singles championship from the Guild Hall, Preston. BBC2: 2.15-5.30 p.m.

BOWLS: CIS Insurance UK singles championship: Further coverage from Preston. BBC2: 11.40 p.m.

GO FOR GOAL: Berkshire v Essex: Knockout competition for Leisure centres from Fountain leisure centre, Brentford. ITV: 11.30 p.m.

Scant respect afforded to sides of repute

Europe's most renowned clubs have found that reputations count for little when places in the latter stages of the club cup competitions are at stake. Both Bayern Munich, the West German champions, and Internazionale, of Milan, will have been relieved to progress after potentially embarrassing matches this week.

Bayern, last year's beaten finalists, came within two minutes of expulsion from the European Cup against the Swiss side, Neuchâtel Xamax, while the Finnish part-time side, Turku, who had won in Milan, only surrendered their advantage over Internazionale in the UEFA Cup in the second-half.

There was no such reprieve for Scotland's representatives, Aberdeen losing by the away goal to Feyenoord, of Rotterdam, and St Mirren, who lost to Mechelen in Belgium.

Qualifiers

EUROPEAN CUP: Anderlecht (Bel), Bayern Munich (WG), Benfica (Por), Bordeaux (Fr), PSV Eindhoven (Neth), Rangers (Sco), Steaua Bucharest (Rom), Real Madrid (Sp).

CUP WINNERS' CUP: Ajax (Neth), Atalanta (It), Young Boys Berne (Switz), Dynamo Minsk (USSR), Mechelen (Bel), Rovaniemen (Fin), Sporting Lisbon (Port), Hajduk Split (Yug) or Marseille (Fr).

UEFA CUP: Barcelona (Sp), Bayer Leverkusen (WG), Borussia Dortmund (WG), Bruges (Bel), Dynamo Tbilisi (USSR), Espanol (Sp), Feyenoord (Neth), Honved (Hun), Inter-Milan (It), Panathinaikos (Gr), Sportul Bucharest (Rom), Vitoria (Por), Vitkovice (Cz), Vitoria Guimaraes (Por), Werder Bremen (WG), Flamurtari Vlora (Alb).

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John Blunsden tracks the thoughts of Britain's leading driver towards next year's challenge

Mansell to return fit for battle

Nigel Mansell will not be taking part in the Australian *Grand Prix* and has been advised not to climb into a racing car for at least two months. A medical bulletin issued yesterday from the Noble Hospital in Douglas, Isle of Man, where he has received further examinations and X-rays, says that he is suffering from a "severe deceleration" injury following his accident in Japan, which has caused internal bruising and spinal concussion *but from which* he is expected to make a full recovery in time.

The X-rays also revealed a fracture of a vertebra in the middle of his back, which is now in a stable condition and will eventually heal following rest and physiotherapy. Mansell's extensive bruising, however, and the muscular spasms from which he is suffering in his back mean that his rehabilitation treatment cannot begin for several more days. Meanwhile, he is on a heavy dosage of pain-killing pills and is only out of bed for between two and three hours per day.

Speaking at his home in Port Erin yesterday, he expressed deep disappointment not only that he would have to miss the final grand prix of his successful season with the Williams team, but also that he would be foregoing his long-planned ten-day holiday with his golfing friend, Greg Norman, which was to include participation in the South Australian Open. "I have been *practising my golf like never* before," he said, "and I almost knocked my handicap down to one, but like my motor racing, swinging a golf club will have to wait for a couple of months."

Mansell is remarkably philosophical about his injuries. "You have to accept that motor racing is a dangerous game and I've not had a bad accident since 1985, so it has been quite a good run. I'm hurting like hell at present, but at least I know I'll make a full recovery in time and I'm very thankful about that. We've had a terrific year – six wins on top of the five we achieved last year – and you can be sure I'll be back for the start of 1988 determined to do even better.

"Naturally, I'm disappointed not to be champion after winning so many races, but I can honestly say that my sorrow is not so much for myself as for the four other people who have been the real backbone of any success that I have achieved this year. These are my three regular mechanics Ken, Dickie and Stewart, and my personal race engineer, David Brown. Together they have been quite outstanding and I cannot praise them too greatly. I simply wouldn't have got the job done without such loyal support from these highly talented people and I have insisted that we carry on together next year."

Looking back to the accident in Japan, Mansell is still mystified by it even after watching a replay of the television film. "The back end let go very quickly and, because the barrier was quite close to the track edge, the impact was pretty violent. What the TV failed to show was that we are flat out in fourth gear at that point which means that we were doing about 150mph, so it was a really quick one.

"However, it was the impact with the ground when the car came back to rest that did the real damage, especially as the chassis straddled a kerb which sent the shock right up through the bottom of the car."

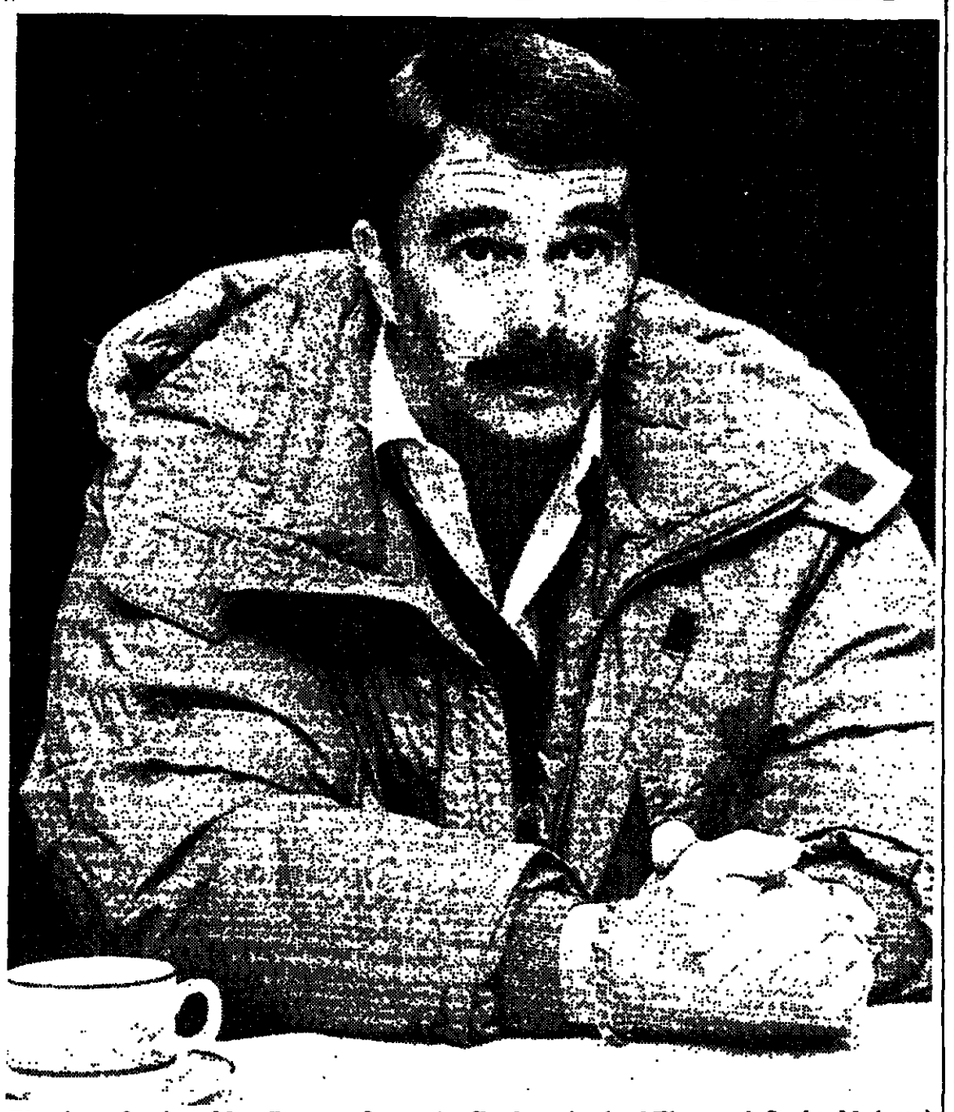
Mansell's rivalry with Nelson Piquet has been a major feature of his 1987 season and clearly he looks forward to a less stressful time within the team next year. "I had to fight very hard for everything I achieved this year," he said. "But if I hadn't shown so much forcefulness on the track I wouldn't have won as many races."

As for next year, when Riccardo Patrese will be his new team mate, Mansell has what he feels to be a trump card. "Although I've been racing in one form or another for 21 years [he started in karts] this will be the first time since being a member of a major team that I will be the undisputed No. 1 driver. Whatever Piquet has said about having left the Williams team because he was not getting the sort of support that he had expected, all I can say is that I only wish I had had the same sort of back-up.

Don't misunderstand me, Williams did a great job for me, but if only I had had the use of two cars throughout the season, which is what Piquet enjoyed, the results might well have been very *different. Certainly my job this year* would have been a whole lot easier."

Although Mansell is not world champion, he does end his season with at least one world record to his credit in that he has started 15 consecutive grands prix (the first of these was at the end of 1986) from the front row of the grid.

Mansell's back has taken quite a hammering in his motor racing career and, in the aftermath of his latest injury, the time might have come to consider taking off the helmet and slipping on a golf glove instead. "For a few moments, yes. In Japan, when I was in intensive care, I was placed next to someone who was dying, and when I heard the screaming and because I was feeling very low myself, yes, I felt then that perhaps it was all just too much. I was ready to say 'enough' at that point. But during the flight back home the next day half of me was trying to convince the other half that I would be back in the car again in time for Australia.



Warming up for winter: Mansell prepares for months of hard exercise ahead (Photograph: Stephen Markeson)

"Believe me, if that were possible I would be there like a shot, but of course sometimes the body has to over-rule the mind."

But Mansell concluded by offering a friendly warning to all his grand prix rivals. "I may not be the champion this year, and who knows, maybe the title will continue to elude me like it did with Stirling Moss, but, nevertheless, during 1987 I learnt more than I even knew at the beginning of the season. I feel as a result that I am far more competitive than ever before and certainly I have been physically fitter than ever before this season.

"However, I am not stopping at that – I have just ordered a whole new kit of training equipment for my gym where I'm intent on losing half a stone this winter when I'm allowed to start exercising again and I aim to come to the line for the first race in 1988 between 10 and 20 per cent fitter than I have ever been before.

"Next year will be a difficult one for everyone, a transitional year with a lot of unknowns. The turbos will almost certainly win some of the races, but the teams like ours with normally-aspirated engines will win some of the others. With various changes in the regulations it's going to be a lot closer than many people think. I am not in the slightest bit unhappy about my prospects. As No. 1 driver for the team that *probably builds the best* – and certainly the safest – Formula One cars of all, both Piquet and I are now able to attest following our high-speed shunt this year, I think it is realistic for me to set a target for 1988. Five wins in '86, six in '87, I'll settle for seven or eight next time around."

CRICKET

Border greets old rivals with a new resolve

From Alan Lee
Lahore

Outside the confines of the England team, the happiest man in India last night was almost certainly Australia's captain, Allan Border. Border watched England's efficient victory on television at an airport hotel in Bombay while the Australians waited for their onward flight to Calcutta and he cheerfully admitted that the result was exactly what he had been hoping for.

"If we had played India there would have been 125,000 people cheering for the opposition," he explained. "As it is, I reckon the majority might be on our side as the underdogs. We played our semi-final in Lahore with the entire crowd against us and I have never known anything quite like the eerie silence when we won."

Border also has some scores to settle against England. At times last winter he suffered depression and humiliation as England won everything on offer during the Australian season. Mike Gatting and his team will discover there is now a new and united resolve within Australia's ranks; they have revelled in their role as apparent no-hopers during this competition and, as Border says: "To reach the final is a dream *come true for these boys. We are* going to be hard to beat now".

There was a tendency to dismiss as a fluke the one-run win Australia scored over India in their first group match, especially when they subsequently struggled for victory against allegedly easier opposition. Their progress, however, has been a triumph for adhering effectively to the simplest rules of one-day cricket. In what has been essentially a team effort, none has exemplified the method better than David Boon or Craig McDermott.

Both are aggressive cricketers who have conquered their instincts for the needs of the side. Boon, once a free hitter in the middle order, has transformed himself into an opener of such dependability that his 372 runs in seven World Cup innings include four half centuries.

In the past McDermott has often worn the label of Australia's main strike bowler rather unconvincingly. It seemed nothing had changed when his control of the new ball was expensively awry early in the tournament. Hours of practice *on his line*, helped by a dressing-room spirit in which encouragement is the key word, has enabled him to emerge as one of the stars of the month, now just one wicket short of Roger Binny's World Cup record of 18.

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In different ways, these two have also illustrated the disciplined nature of the Australians. When Boon was sufficiently riled by an lbw decision to offer an obscene gesture to a jeering crowd in Delhi, Border was angry enough to issue a very plain-spoken warning. On the other side of the coin comes McDermott's sporting admission, in Chandigarh, that his *back foot had momentarily* touched the boundary rope as he effected a stop. The umpire, David Shepherd, relates: "It was a very impressive thing to do because nobody would have known any different – even the crowd had not noticed."

None of this should suggest that Australians are going soft; they remain as competitive as ever. It is simply that Border's ideas, from smartness of dress to standards of behaviour, are much at variance with those of certain other Australian captains and has helped create a likeable and cohesive team.

That is more than can presently be said for the beaten Pakistanis, whose reaction to Wednesday's shock result was predictably severe. Imran Khan was able to keep his emotions under control in public but he went rapidly to ground yesterday, having sat in on a stormy team inquest which was also an unsatisfactory wake for his own reign as captain.

BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER

Council refuses to stage tournament

By Steve Acteson

Middlesbrough Borough Council has denied the use of its town hall to the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA) for the United Kingdom billiards championship, in January.

The council's decision follows the inclusion of several well known billiards and snooker players, including Dennis Taylor, Willie Thorne, Rex Williams, a former world billiards champion, and Eddie Charlton, on the lists of sportsmen who have played in South Africa. The lists are issued by the United Nations Centre Against Apartheid and the South African Non-Racial Olympic Committee (Sanroc).

Martin Blake, the chairman of the WPBSA, said yesterday that he had been told of the council's *decision on Monday and was* now awaiting written confirmation. "We have begun looking for an alternative venue in the area," he said.

Bristol's council, to which, paradoxically, the WPBSA pays its rates, *adopted a similar* stance last Friday and will also refuse to allow anyone named on the lists to perform at its venues, said Blake.

*THE WPBSA will now anx*iously wait to see whether other cities will follow suit, especially Sheffield, which has a left-wing council and has been home to the Embassy world professional snooker championship, at the Crucible theatre, since 1977.

The Crucible is controlled by a charitable trust which dictates theatre policy, but receives a yearly grant from the council. *Clearly a threat to withhold the* grant could prove effective

RUGBY UNION: WHEN THE 'LIVERPOOL KISSING' HAS TO STOP

An Eagle eye view of Welsh

By Gerald Davies

The Eagles tour has travelled trouble-free. They have been well looked after. An extra win or two would have made it all the sweeter, though. But after the team's unexpected but entirely worthy victory against Neath last weekend, Bob Watkins, their manager, was quoted as saying that Welsh rugby has a bad name for violent play and was not surprised when it came.

Thus the guest would appear to insult the host. This was after David Joseph, the Neath player, had head-butted his opponent, or having delivered a "Liverpool kiss", as my American pal colourfully described it.

Watkins explained that, regrettably, the content of what he had said had not been fully quoted. But what gave obvious irony to his comment was the expeditious manner with which the episode was dealt by the Neath committee. They had convened and long before half-time had made plain their decision. *The player would be* suspended.

With one stroke Neath have established a healthy reputation for themselves. But the matter did not quite rest there. Fred Paoli, their captain, had suggested that there was a premeditated plan to injure the Eagles' most influential players. By Monday, however, a formal statement was issued by the American management to apologize for any such implications. *But what is this impression the* Americans have of Welsh rugby?

"It is unfortunate, I'm afraid," said Mr Watkins, "that in the United States, Welsh rugby carries the reputation of being not only aggressive and tough, but of being violent, too. We certainly have no complaints about this tour apart from last Saturday's isolated *incident. What I was saying was* that this image for violent play which Welsh rugby has in the USA has been created by certain clubs who have toured there.

"What you must understand is that we learn our rugby from reading books. There is no history to the game so that we then look to visitors to show us the way. Welsh clubs have the reputation of showing a few unsavoury tricks that you won't find on any printed page."

There is plenty of respect for Welsh rugby, as Watkins is at pains to point out, but it is not as clean-cut as some in Wales would like to believe it is. To talk to him and to someone like Tony Scott, an independent film producer from Chicago, and not party to a team's obsessions, is to listen to some ripe stories of Welsh club playing behaviour abroad.

"The American players want to get on with playing the game. That is the activity," says Scott. They don't see much sense in playing a game where you might *get your jaw broken.*"

Those responsible for the game in Wales, at whatever level, may choose to ignore these points and argue that Wales are no better or worse *than any other teams; but if they* fail to respond that image will persist.

Kirk joins the fray for Oxford

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

The next fortnight will be instructive for Oxford University: David Kirk, the New Zealand scrum half and captain, makes his long-anticipated debut against Bedford tomorrow and the following Wednesday's XV to play Cardiff should give clear indications of the team to play Cambridge. On November 18, the students will test themselves against the multi-national Major R. V. Stanley's XV.

Kirk's shoulder problems have cleared up and he is expected to link with Ashley Johnson and Brendan Mullin in an exciting back division, even though the forwards against Bedford are not at their strongest: Bill Calcraft, the captain, is resting and Bill Campbell, his Australian colleague, will be back from Japan where he played on Wednesday for the Japanese President's XV beaten 38-9 by the New Zealanders.

Calcraft hopes, though, to put out his strongest side at Cardiff and doubtless a week later when the trustees of Major Stanley include players from five countries. Yamaichi International (Europe) Ltd sponsor the match for the fifth time, enabling the *trustees to field nine inter*nationals, among them Brian Smith, the scrum half touring South America with Australia.

Smith's tour ends this weekend, with the second inter*national against Argentina, and* when he arrives in Britain, he will find two Australians on the strength: Brett Gosper, a centre for the Australian under-21s and Queensland before leaving to work in France where he now plays for Racing Club, and Rod Crerar, who toured with Australia to France as a hooker in 1983 but now plays for Richmond.

Jefferson is chosen for Eagles team

Willie Jefferson, the wing who played for Harlequins three seasons ago, will be able to resume his international career with the American Eagles against Wales in Cardiff tomorrow (David Hands writes).

He has been named in the XV for the international after being called into the touring party as a replacement for Mike Caulder, the stand-off, who has torn shoulder muscles.

Jefferson is playing rugby in Perpignan and his French connections excluded him from consideration from recent American squads.

His sudden appearance will be a blow to those players in the party who have been part of the whole tour

AMERICAN EAGLES (v Wales): A Montgomery; W Jefferson, K Higgins, C Dougherty, G Hein; M Williams, M Saunders; B Horwarth, P Johnson, F Paoli (capt), M Carlson, K Swords, R Zenker, J Peters, B Vizard. Replacements: T Whelan, T McCormack, R Cinvellone, T Smith, D Shanagher, J Aston.

Plans formulated for combined league

By George Ace

The formation of an all-Ireland compound league draws ever closer, and the Irish Rugby Football Union (IRFU) is provisionally laying plans for a two-division league starting the season after next. It is understood that invitations will be sent to 20 senior clubs, and the numerical strength of the two divisions will depend on the number wishing to compete.

Performances in the various divisional leagues over the two or three previous seasons will be the yardstick for the composition of the two divisions, and promotion and relegation will operate. The IRFU sees this initial phase as a test case, and if player opinion plays a major role in the formation of an all-Ireland league, then the acceptance by the clubs invited to participate in this initial stage may well be 100 per cent.

There is also considerable merit in the suggestion that the winners of the Bass Boston Cup, competed for under floodlights at Uprichard Park, Bangor, on Tuesday evenings, and the winners of a similar competition organized by the Old Belvedere club in Dublin, in conjunction with Smithwicks, should meet in what is tentatively being called the All-Ireland Floodlit Club championship, subject, of course, to approval being given by the Ulster and Leinster branches.

The American colleges football match between West Point Military Academy and Boston College, scheduled to take place at Lansdowne Road on November 18 next year, is a fixture that will surely hasten a decision by the IRFU to install a floodlighting system at Lansdowne Road, a ground that is also used by the Football Association of Ireland (FAI) for international football matches.

BOXING

McCarthy to seek board decision

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

Burt McCarthy, the manager of Pat Clinton, the Scottish flyweight champion, is to seek a date from the British Boxing Board of Control for Clinton's challenge for the British title.

McCarthy said yesterday that John Morris, the secretary of the board, had told him after Clinton won the final eliminator that the Scot would not have to wait indefinitely to box Dave McAuley, of Larne, the champion. "*But it seems McAuley* has other ideas," McCarthy said on hearing about B. J. Eastwood's plans for putting McAuley in for a world title eliminator against Roy Thompson, of Panama.

"I'm going to ask John Morris to fix a date for Clinton to fight Joe Kelly for the title. McAuley can't hang on indefinitely to the title," McCarthy said.

Clinton is one of four young boxers under the Frank Warren banner seeking British titles: Sean Murphy (St Albans) is after Billy Hardy's bantamweight title, George Collins (Yateley) wants the winner of the Kirkland Laing-Rocky Kelly welterweight bout, and the talented Floyd Havard, from Swansea, is chasing Pat Cowdell's super-*featherweight belt.*

The combined career statistics of the 11 young boxers under Warren show just three defeats in 122 contests. Most impressive of all is Nigel Benn, of West Ham, with 10 inside-the-distance wins in 10 bouts, seven of which have been in the first round.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

STRATFORD: Chingford League road race (5 km): 1, A Anderson (Haringey), 14min 57sec; 2, S Surridge (Walthamstow), 14.58; 3, R Boreham (Haringey), 15.7. Teams: 1, Haringey, 37pts; 2, Victoria Pk, 108; 3, Barnet, 119pts.

BASKETBALL

SPRINGFIELD, Illinois: Men's exhibition match: Soviet Union 71, Illinois State University 62.
EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-finals: Group A: England 103 (Irish 20, Gardner 18, Vaughan 17, Moore 14, Sonn 12, Gordon 10, Fogerty 10); Czechoslovakia 101 (Kropilak 30, Brabenec 26, Havlik 21, Svitek 11); Greece 102, Netherlands 62.

BOWLS

PRESTON: CIS UK indoor championships: Second round: A Blair (Scot) bt S Allen (Ire), 7-5, 7-2, 6-7, 4-7, 7-2; J Evans (Eng) bt J Baker (Ire), 7-6, 7-3, 7-6; D Corkill (Ire) bt D Bryant (Eng), 4-7, 2-7, 7-5, 7-5, 7-3.
COUNTY MATCHES: Buckinghamshire 97, Middlesex 133; Surrey 149, Wiltshire 126; Sussex 105, Somerset 135.

ETON FIVES

FIRST DIVISION: Eton: The Village bt Old Salopians, 2-1 (Village players first): G Matthews and J Halstead bt R Topham and J Eaton, 3-0; A Taylor and J Penrar bt A Elliott and M Hughes 3-2; O Bull and W Wass lost to G Baker and C Sturdy, 0-3. Highgate: Old Citizens bt Old Cholmeleians, 3-0 (Citizens players first): J Reynolds and J Daly bt M Smith and N Rathbone, 2-2, retired; R Matthews and E Wass bt A Carrier and M Rimmi, 3-0; T Brooks and A Kong bt A Tessa and P Thomas 3-1.

FOOTBALL

SWISS LEAGUE: St Gallen 2, Basle 0.
OTHER MATCH: Cambridge University 1, Royal Navy 1.

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National League (NHL): Hartford Whalers 2, Boston Bruins 2 (OT); Toronto Maple Leafs 7, Winnipeg Jets 3; Chicago Blackhawks 4, Montreal Canadiens 4 (OT); Minnesota North Stars 7, Detroit Red Wings 4; Edmonton Oilers 7, New York Rangers 2; Buffalo Sabres 5, Los Angeles Kings 4.

SNOOKER

SOUTHEND: Matchroom champion of champions tournament: First rounds: N Foulds (Eng) bt T Griffiths (Wales), 6-2. Frame scores (Foulds first): 20-91, 58-53, 6-99, 64-9, 61-23, 60-1, 61-37, 58-47.

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: Ipswich 41, Cradley Heath 37, Kings Lynn Stars 46, Belle Vue 32.

SQUASH RACKETS

STOCKTON: Northern championship: Durham (holders) 5, Cheshire 0

TABLE TENNIS

SEOUL: Asian Cup: Men, Group A: Chen Longcan (China) w/o S Supit (Indo); Vong Iu-weng (Hong Kong) bt Pou Sovachana (Kampuchea), 21-5, 21-6; Vong w/o Supit. B: Teng Yi (China) bt Liu Fuk-man (HK), 21-14, 21-14; Kang Hee-chan (S Kor) w/o Kamlesh Mehta (India); Liu w/o Mehta. C: Kim Ki-Taek (S Kor) bt Arif Khan (Pak), 21-16, 21-13; Huang Hue-chieh (Taiwan) bt Khan, 21-11, 21-8. D: Yoo Nam-Kyu (S Kor) bt Chan Chi-meng (HK), 21-8, 21-8; Tay Kee (Mal) bt R Cheng (Phil), 21-4, 21-17; Kee bt Chan, 21-17, 21-13. E: Wei Qing Guang (China) w/o S Ghorpade (India); Kim Taek-soo (S Kor) bt Imad Ahmed Jaladi (Iraq), 21-7, 21-13; Kim w/o Ghorpade. Jaladi w/o Ghorpade. F: M Yoshihiro (Japan) bt Tan Liang Check (Mal), 21-18, 21-8; Chih Chin Long (Taipei) bt M Fathi (Phil), 21-10, 21-14; Chih bt Tan, 21-10, 19-21, 21-8. G: S Ono (Japan) bt F Sari (Pak), 14-21, 21-8, 21-16; Ahn Jae-hyung (S Kor) bt Jamal Jalal (Iraq), 21-13, 21-11; Ahn bt Sari, 21-11, 21-7. Group H: Wu Wen Chia (Taiwan) bt Arif Nakhuda (Pak), 21-9, 21-10; G Hideo (Japan) bt Loy Soo Chow (Sing), 21-11, 21-17; Goto bt Nakhuda, 21-20, 21-10. Women's Group A: Jiao Zhimin (China) bt Hong Che-ok (S Kor), 21-10, 21-17; Chang Hsiu Yu (Taiwan) bt R Richard (Iraq), 21-5, 21-14; Hong bt Chang, 25-23, 21-17. B: Yang Young-ja (S Kor) bt Wai Cheng Lau (Mal), 21-7, 21-5; U Kyoko (Japan) bt Lin Li Zu (Taiwan), 21-19, 18-21, 21-14; Uchiyama bt Wai, 21-13, 21-7. C: Li Hui Fen (China) bt Yue Kam Kai (HK), 21-8, 21-9; H Mika (Japan) bt Kwon Mi-sook (S Kor), 21-12, 24-22; Hoshino bt Yau, 21-3, 21-10. D: Hyun Jung-hwa (S Kor) w/o R Shehabudakar (India); Hui So Hung (HK) bt Koh Lipng (Sing), 21-12, 11-21, 22-20; Hui w/o Shehabudakar.

TENNIS

STOCKHOLM: Stockholm Open Scandinavian championships: Men's singles, second round: J Grabb (US), bt M Wilander (Swe), 7-5, 6-4; J Nyqvist (Swe) bt J Ring (US), 6-2, 6-1; A Jarryd (Swe) bt N Odizor (Nigeria), 6-3, 6-4; J B Svensson (Swe) bt A Antonitsch (Austria), 3-6, 6-3, 6-1; P Lundgren (Swe) bt B Tesserman (US), 7-5, 6-3; L Pimek (Cz) bt K Evernden (NZ), 6-3, 7-6; J Arias (US) bt A Tous (Sp), 4-6, 6-4, 6-4; E Jelen (WG) bt J Gunnarsson (Swe), 2-6, 7-5, 7-6; U Stenlund (Swe) bt M Dickson (US), 6-4, 3-6, 6-1; J Bates (GB) bt D Goldie (US), 4-6, 6-4, 6-4; M Anger (US) bt M Srejber (Cz), 7-6, 6-3; M Laurendeau (Can) bt P Cane (It), 6-2, 7-5. Third round: M Anger (US) bt J Nystrom (Swe), 6-3, 3-6, 6-1; A Jarryd (Swe) bt J Bates (GB), 6-1, 6-1; J Grabb (US) bt S Casal (Sp), 7-6, 4-6, 6-3; S Edberg (Swe) bt U Stenlund (Swe), 7-5, 6-3; M Gustafsson (Swe) bt E Jelen (WG), 7-5, 6-2.
PARIS: Paris Open tournament: Men's singles, second round: M Schapers (Neth) bt A Volkov (USSR), 6-3, 4-6, 6-3.

Hornets signing

Olsen Vaafusu, a full back from New Zealand, has signed for Rochdale Hornets Rugby League club. Vaafusu, aged 28, paid his own fare to England and scored a try playing as a trialist for Hornets in Sunday's win over Doncaster. He will stay until the end of the season.

FOOTBALL

Ogrizovic on stand-by

Steve Ogrizovic, the Coventry City goalkeeper, has been put on stand-by for England's crucial European Championship qualifier against Yugoslavia in Belgrade next week. It was after reassessing his squad for a match which can clinch England's place in next summer's Finals in West Ger*many, that the manager*, Bobby Robson, called up Ogrizovic, whose father was born in Yugoslavia.

Peter Shilton and Chris Woods remain England's first choice goalkeepers – but Robson has decided that he wants a third custodian on board when England fly out from Luton on Sunday. That man should be David Seaman, of Queen's Park Rangers, but Robson has taken the selection one step further and alerted Ogrizovic in case Seaman collects a knock in Saturday's game against Watford, which is not among those fixtures originally postponed because of the injury risk to England players.

Seaman has been the third string since Gary Bailey was forced to retire through injury. "The third keeper is my only concern," Robson said. "I can't afford to take any chances.

If I take only two keepers, what happens if one gets flu or is injured? If the man playing got hurt and someone less than fully fit came in and we lost, I'd never be forgiven.

"I can't afford to go into a game as important as this with only one-and-a-half goalkeepers."

Robson will be at Oxford tomorrow to watch Ogrizovic who represented the Football League against the Rest of the World in the Centenary Classic at the start of the season.

TENNIS

Loosemore in the young women's final

Sarah Loosemore, aged 16, from Wales, overcame a shaky start to reach the final of the Lawn Tennis Association women's indoor tournament at Telford yesterday. She beat Hester Witvoet, of The Netherlands, 2-6, 7-6, 6-2.

Miss Loosemore, who had incurred a warning for racket *abuse earlier, took a* 5-3 lead in the second set, but allowed Miss Witvoet to force a tie-break. At 5-4, a dubious line call upset the Dutch woman, and she lost the tie-break 8-6 and then the first five games of the final set.

Miss Loosemore will meet Natalia Medvedeva, aged 15, from the Soviet Union, in today's final. Miss Medvedeva defeated Jonna Jonerup, of Sweden, 6-2, 6-3 in the day's other semi-final.

SEMI-FINALS: N Medvedeva (USSR) bt J Jonerup (Swe), 6-2, 6-3; S Loosemore (GB) bt H Witvoet (Neth), 2-6, 7-6, 6-2.

Morrish wins the tennis trip to London

Dr Elizabeth Morrish is the winner of *The Times* competition offering a five-star weekend in London for herself and three companions for the final of the Nabisco Masters world doubles tennis championship.

Dr Morrish, who lives at The Balk, Walton, Wakefield, Yorkshire, had the first correct entry drawn from all those received by the closing date on Tuesday. Her prizes, offered in conjunction with Schweppes, are: an exclusive box at the Albert Hall for the final on December 11; dinner, bed and breakfast at the London Hilton for two nights; first-class travel to and from London; and a £250 voucher for shopping at Harrods.

The answers to the questions were: 1, Stefan Edberg and Anders Jarryd; 2, Ken Flach and Robert Seguso; 3, Andrew Castle and Jeremy Bates; 4, 1783; 5, Fred Stolle and Frew McMillan.

BASKETBALL

Boost for England

The ease with which England changed from a defensive strategy to an offensive one when it was most needed at Leicester on Wednesday has convinced the coach, David Titmuss, that his squad still have a chance of advancing from their semi-final group of the European championships (Nicholas Harling writes).

England's spectacular 103-101 win over Czechoslovakia, who have now lost both their opening games, gives Titmuss heart for the games against The Netherlands at home and Greece away early next year. "If we can get this team together defensively, it could be a really great defensive team," he said.

Titmuss had nothing but praise for the composure under pressure displayed by Joel Moore. Polycell Kingston's young guard. With 21 seconds left Moore shot the three-pointer that levelled the scores and his two subsequent free throws proved decisive.

BOWLS

The sun sets on Bryant

David Corkill, of Belfast, the British Isles champion, lost the first two sets but came back to beat David Bryant 4-7, 2-7, 7-5, 7-5, 7-3 in the second round of the CIS United Kingdom singles championship at the Preston Guild Hall yesterday (Gordon Allan writes).

Bryant, who won this event in its first year, 1983, looked even more determined than usual during those opening two sets but Corkill battled away, took the third set, and squared the match with a count of four to a maximum jack – Bryant's preferred length – on the last end of the fourth set.

The turning point of the deciding set came at 4-3 to Corkill on the penultimate end when Bryant held three and Corkill got a slightly lucky contact on the jack to score two. It was all over a few minutes later.

"It's only a game of bowls," Bryant said. "The sun will still rise tomorrow."

RESULT: Second round: D Corkill (Ire) bt D Bryant (Eng), 4-7, 2-7, 7-5, 7-5, 7-3.

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England sweep and pull it off

From John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent
Bombay

Never were hopes so dashed as they have been on the great sub-continent these last two days. The final of the World Cup in Calcutta on Sunday, which they were all so sure would be between India and Pakistan, will be between England and Australia instead. In the second of the semi-finals here at the Wankhede stadium yesterday England beat India by 35 runs, victory being their reward for perseverance.

As against West Indies in their decisive qualifying match there were moments as things reached their climax when England looked at least as likely to lose as to win. Needing 255, India were storming along at 168 for four when Kapil Dev was out to a wild stroke.

At 199 for five, with 10 overs to go and Azharuddin playing well, there was again nothing in it. But England had their runs in the book — enough of them for there always to be pressure on the batsmen, especially on a slow pitch on which the ball turned.

Being without Vengsarkar, who was ill, and losing Gavaskar in the third over of their innings were set-backs that India would have done well to overcome. Playing before a huge and frenzied crowd can also have made it no easier for the home side.

If Gooch did most to bring victory about, with his first World Cup hundred, Gatting's share was almost equally significant. On the ground where his international career first took off almost exactly three years ago, the captain batted well, marshalled his forces resourcefully and made good decisions at critical moments. "England were the professionals" was the Indian view at the end, as though it had made the difference, and there was some truth in that, too.

"I suppose you're going to say you'll bowl" was how a smiling Gatting reacted to losing the toss. On Wednesday night the England players had been divided as to whether they would rather bat or field first. Given the chance, Gatting would, I think, have fielded in expectation of the ball swinging.

In the event it did nothing of the kind and, as further reassurance for England, Gooch was at his best from the start. By the fifth over India were down to one slip. By the eleventh Kapil had a spinner on, Maninder turning his first ball slowly but a long way. In Maninder's second over he stranded Robinson far down the pitch, a lovely piece of bowling of the classical kind.

Border welcomes chance for revenge, page 47

Yet it was at the batsmen's leg stump and outside it that Maninder and Shastri aimed their orthodox left-arm spin. In a sense this was a travesty; an admission that the game has much too little to do with taking wickets. Gooch and Gatting had little option but to sweep and pull and sweep and pull — and they did it mostly to good effect. Of Gooch's runs, half must have come from the sweep and the pull. As the scoring quickened, the bedlam of the early overs subsided.

Coming together in the 22nd over, when Athey was caught at the wicket off the inside edge, Gooch and Gatting added 117 at fractionally under six runs an over. Gooch stirred himself between the wickets. If there were ones to be turned into twos he and Gatting did it.

There was some spectacular leg-side fielding by Azharuddin; but Gooch, when he was 82, was missed by Srikkanth, running hard to his left at short long leg. Gooch had skied a sweep and eventually it was the sweep that was Gatting's undoing, in an over from Maninder of which he had already taken 14 runs.

I think I have never seen a dismissal like it. Gatting sweeping on to the leg stump a ball that pitched outside the off. He had delayed the stroke in an effort to beat the leg field. Two overs later Gooch also went to Maninder, failing quite to get hold of a pull and being caught on the mid-wicket boundary.

Gooch's was a fine innings — unruffled, well judged and lordly. He is having a splendid tour. In the 7.5 overs that were left when he was out England made just enough runs — 51 — to leave India with more to do than sides batting second usually manage. Again Lamb led the final charge and was left at the end with plenty of runs still in him.

Cheered all the way in, on the occasion of his last big innings in Bombay, Gavaskar, idol of millions, was soon on his way back. Hitting at the pitch of the ball, he lost his off stump to DeFreitas. Many fluctuations followed as Srikkanth, Sidhu, Pandit and Kapil all got out as they were progressing well. Partnerships of 51 for the second wicket, 48 for the fourth, 47 for the fifth and 36 for the sixth made up the pattern.

After being let off by Downton, Srikkanth was bowled having a swing at Foster. Next, Sidhu hit a short ball to extra cover. Then came a crisis, the first for Gatting. After being hit for 27 in his first three overs, Hemmings had to be taken off. Gooch, who replaced him, was no more than a stop-gap. But Foster came to the rescue, having Pandit leg-before, and when eventually Hemmings came back he did so with a vengance. In 34 balls he took four for 21, including the wickets that mattered most.

Pulled nearly for six by Kapil, he dropped Gatting back to the leg boundary and no sooner had Gatting got there than Kapil hit the ball straight to him. It was a stroke which Kapil may have difficulty forgetting. Azharuddin, too, underrated Hemmings, sweeping at a straight one from him and falling leg-before. Not only was Azharuddin's a crucial wicket, it was a part of a wicket maiden by Hemmings — the over in which the match took its final turn.

At the other end Emburey tantalized the batsmen. Reckless strokes ensued and suddenly Shastri was left with Maninder, the last man in, as his partner.

The match finished at 4.15, the sun having been in for most of the day. Gooch was made man of the match and the crowd took their disappointment well.

SCOREBOARD FROM BOMBAY

India won toss

ENGLAND

		6s	4s	Mins	Balls
G A Gooch c Srikkanth b Maninder	115	-	11	166	136
R T Robinson st More b Maninder	13	-	2	50	36
C W J Athey c More b Sharma	4	-	-	34	17
*M W Gatting b Maninder	56	-	5	72	62
A J Lamb not out	32	-	2	42	29
J E Emburey lbw b Kapil Dev	6	-	-	13	10
P A J DeFreitas b Kapil Dev	7	-	1	10	8
†P R Downton not out	1	-	-	11	5
Extras: (b 1, lb 18, w 1)	20				
Total: (6 wkts, 50 overs)	254				

N A Foster, G C Small and E E Hemmings did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-40, 2-79, 3-196, 4-203, 5-219, 6-231.

BOWLING: Kapil Dev 10-1-38-2 (nb 1); Prabhakar 9-1-40-0 (w 1); Maninder 10-0-54-3; Sharma 9-0-41-1 (nb 2); Shastri 10-0-49-0; Azharuddin 2-0-13-0.

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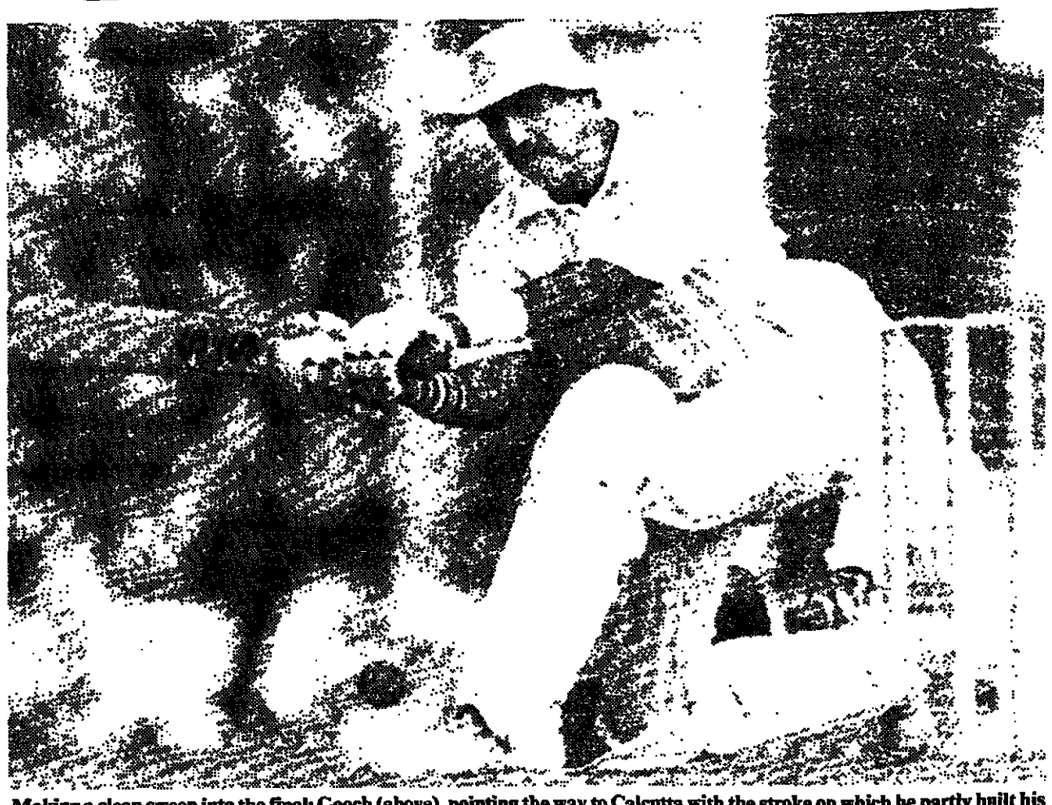
		6s	4s	Mins	Balls
K Srikkanth b Foster	31	-	-	60	55
S M Gavaskar b DeFreitas	4	-	1	9	7
N S Sidhu c Athey b Foster	22	-	-	69	40
M Azharuddin lbw b Hemmings	64	-	7	107	74
C S Pandit lbw b Foster	24	-	3	34	30
*Kapil Dev c Gatting b Hemmings	30	-	3	23	22
R J Shastri c Downton b Hemmings	21	-	2	51	32
†K S More c and b Emburey	0	-	-	3	5
M Prabhakar c Downton b Small	4	-	-	11	11
C Sharma c Lamb b Hemmings	0	-	-	1	1
Maninder Singh not out	0	-	-	1	0
Extras: (b 1, lb 9, w 6, nb 3)	19				
Total: (45.3 overs)	219				

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-58, 3-73, 4-121, 5-168, 6-204, 7-205, 8-218, 9-219.

BOWLING: DeFreitas 7-0-37-1 (nb 1); Small 6-0-22-1 (nb 3); Emburey 10-1-35-1 (w 1); Foster 10-0-47-3 (w 3); Hemmings 9.3-1-52-4 (w 2); Gooch 3-0-16-0.

Man of the Match: G A Gooch.

Umpires: A Crafter (Aust) and S J Woodward (NZ).



Making a clean sweep into the final: Gooch (above), pointing the way to Calcutta with the stroke on which he partly built his maiden World Cup hundred in Bombay, gives Hemmings, Foster, Downton and Small (below) something to cheer



A sweeping success

Graham Gooch, who scored a huge percentage of his runs with a sweep-cum-lap shot against India's left-arm spinners, said: "I batted in the nets yesterday against a little, local left-arm spinner. He couldn't understand why I was sweeping every ball — now he knows why.

"I decided how I was going to play when Maninder's first ball turned and kept low."

The England captain, Mike Gatting, praised Gooch's batting on a pitch that was "unsuitable for one-day cricket" and the bowling of Eddie Hemmings. Gatting said Gooch's 115 was "a wonderful achievement", particularly on a pitch that he criticized for its slowness and turn, while of Hemmings's bowling, he said: "Eddie came back after being whacked around a bit. He did us proud."

"Whatever they may be, they are a thoroughly professional side and they know their one-day cricket," Kapil Dev, the Indian captain, said.

● Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, congratulated the England team on their achievement and said that he would be going to the final.

Defeat brings clashes

About 28 people were hurt, including a nine-year-old girl, who was stabbed, when Hindu-Muslim cricket factions fought after England beat India in the World Cup semi-finals yesterday. The Press Trust of India said 21 people were injured in Bombay when groups using stones and soda water bottles clashed, while in Ahmedabad a girl was stabbed and six people, including three women, were hurt.

● Organizers expect a full house exceeding 90,000 people for the World Cup final at Calcutta on Sunday despite India's defeat. Jagmohan Dalmiya, organizing secretary of the Cricket Association of Bengal, which is handling arrangements, said: "Tickets have already sold out."

● Manoj Prabhaker, who opened the bowling against England yesterday, has signed as professional for the Central Lancashire League club, Norden.

● A benefit match between the new champions and a Rest of the World XI, planned for Calcutta two days after Sunday's final, has been cancelled because Australia would not be available.

END COLUMN

A cloud over the friendly league

By Paul Newman

Lincolnshire police have announced that no criminal proceedings will be taken following last week's GM Vauxhall Conference match between Lincoln City and Barnet, in which police had to separate players who were fighting on the pitch. However, Stanley Crump, the chief constable of Lincolnshire, has sent a letter to the Football Association expressing "deep concern about the example set by players and one club official".

Barnet had two men sent off in the match and after the fighting had broken out between a number of players, Barry Fry, the visiting team's manager, was escorted from the pitch. The FA will hold its own investigation into the incidents next week.

Lincolnshire police decided not to take any action after watching a video film of the incidents, but Crump said in a statement: "It is considered that, but for the prompt action of the referee and police, the behaviour on the pitch may well have been the catalyst for an outbreak of serious disorder within the crowd. Indeed, the crowd were seen to rush down the terraces toward the incident and one spectator managed to climb over on to the pitch before being escorted away."

He added: "The FA is asked to stamp out this type of incident and has been told that should similar incidents occur again in Lincolnshire criminal proceedings may well follow, resulting in offenders being brought before the courts."

Higher police profile in game

His statement adds fuel to the increasing controversy over football's relationship with the police. Earlier this week four players involved in incidents during the Rangers-Celtic match last month were charged with conduct likely to provoke a breach of the peace.

On Wednesday it was announced that the English game's governing bodies will meet police representatives to discuss their increasingly tense relations. The Professional Footballers' Association said it was worried about the possible implications of police taking on a higher profile in the game. Gordon Taylor, the PFA secretary, said: "I have been concerned for some time about the increasing number of instances where police authorities have been looking to get involved in the running of the game."

The very fact that the Lincoln incidents took place in a GM Vauxhall Conference match is a particular cause for concern, for the non-League game has long prided itself on its tradition of healthy, friendly rivalry.

Too competitive for own good

Peter Hunter, the Conference secretary and a former referee, believes that his league may have become too competitive for its own good.

"The introduction last season of automatic promotion to the fourth division for our champions has undoubtedly changed the atmosphere within our league," he said. "We didn't notice it so much last season because after all the years of trying to get a promotion agreement, nobody — not even myself — actually believed it until it happened. This year, though, everyone has seen what Scarborough achieved in wining promotion last season and they all want to emulate them.

"We're experiencing the sort of problems we've never had to face before, like handling consistently big crowds and segregating supporters. Unfortunately that has gone hand in hand with some worrying developments like the increased criticism of referees, which is a symptom of the growing competitiveness, and a souring of relationships between clubs."

"There's been a tremendous bonhomie between our clubs in the past and we want to preserve that. As a league we can't do much other than bring the situation to everybody's attention" The Conference will await the outcome of the FA's inquiry into the Lincoln incidents before deciding on its own action. Hunter, who has received "dozens" of letters from Barnet supporters claiming that their team was harshly treated at Lincoln, said: "If we feel that the actions of the clubs have brought the league into disrepute then we may take our own action."

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Perfection remains the target

From Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent
Zabrze

Graeme Souness has no illusions about the strength of the side he has led into the last eight of the European Cup. The player-manager of Rangers admits that "we are a long way off, miles away" from the standard that he and his ambitious club intend to reach.

He mentioned Bayern Munich, Liverpool, Porto and Real Madrid as examples of superior teams: "Who knows what would happen if we played any of them?"

A few hours after the 4-2 aggregate victory over Gornik Zabrze on Wednesday, he announced that he plans to buy at least one more player to reinforce his squad before the quarter-finals, when he will be able also to call on Gough and McCall.

Concerned about the vulnerability of his defence, he could build the improvement around past, present and future members of England's back four. He has already acquired two of them, Roberts and Butcher. The third representative would be Pearce, who is valued at £750,000 by Nottingham Forest.

"Good teams don't give chances away even when they are under pressure," he explained. "When Liverpool are going through a difficult period, for example, their opponents get only as far as the edge of the area. That is something we must work on."

Rangers were otherwise as solid and as efficient as Souness's former club in dismissing the Polish champions.

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Now Cauthen storms ahead

By Ian Stafford

Yet another enthralling chapter in the race for the jockey's championship took place at Hamilton Park yesterday. Steve Cauthen, who began one behind Pat Eddery, his rival, ended the day one ahead after pulling off a timely 5-1 double and answering those who foolishly began to dismiss his chances of becoming champion. With Eddery failing to add to his tally, Cauthen regained the lead that he had lost on Wednesday.

The odds for the title are on a see-saw. Cauthen was favourite on Wednesday and Eddery, at 5-4 on, yesterday. Today, as the bandwagon moves to Doncaster, the American now finds himself as the bookmakers' tip at 2-5 on, with Eddery at 13-8. If he had thought about it beforehand, Dick Francis would have found this script too unlikely to believe.

Suddenly another question needs to be answered. It still remains a long shot, but the 200-mark is looming prominently on the horizon. No jockey has scored a double century of winners since the late, great Sir Gordon Richards achieved the feat in 1952, but now there is a slim possibility that either Cauthen or Eddery could end the full.

Cauthen's success at Hamilton means that he has equalled his best championship performance of 195 winners in 1985. Eddery, on 194, obliterated his personal best of 176 last month. Is this memorable Flat season going to end tomorrow with the 200 achieved? Anything seems possible.

All this week either the American or the Irishman has taken the first race of the day and yesterday was no exception. Cauthen flashed past the finishing post of the 4-5 favourite, Master Palehouse, to win the Birnie Hill Maiden Stakes by one and a half lengths. Family loyalty was shown by Paul, Eddery's younger jockey brother, who relinquished his ride so that Eddery the elder, not scheduled to feature in the race, had another chance to improve his score, but Veronica's Friend managed only fifth.

Four races later Cauthen notched up his second success when he brought Cashmire N Caviar through in the Murray Handicap by just three-quarters of a length as Eddery watched his initiative fall away.

Watching all this was Jo Mulhall, a former jockey who raced alongside Eddery's father, Jimmy, in Ireland. He sees in Pat a younger version of Jimmy Eddery. "Jimmy was called 'Cowboy Eddery' by because he never stayed still in the saddle," he said. "Pat is just the same. Cauthen is beautiful to watch but Pat keeps bumping up and down."

He is not the only man to notice this subtle difference in style. Eddery rides with his legs so twisted that his whip's use becomes imperative. And as he approaches the finishing line his body is constantly on the move. Cauthen is regarded as the better tactician but still not considered textbook.

Two days remain in this epic and no doubt some remarkable racing remains. One thing is certain: Whoever wins this great race for the championship, and nobody is now willing to forecast who it might be, will succeed by the shortest of short heads.

STEVE CAUTHEN 195
Winners yesterday: two — Master Palehouse (4-5), Cashmere N Caviar (5-2).
Rides today: six — Hedda Garbler (1.15 Doncaster), Gold Prospect (2.15), Kayudee (2.45), Pierrocni (3.15), Proud Crest (3.45), Anthony Loretto (4.15).

PAT EDDERY 194
Winners yesterday: none.
Rides today: six — San Roque (1.15 Doncaster), Wing Park (2.15), Fatu Hiva (2.45), Mariano (3.15), Positive Way (3.45), Mere Melody (4.15).

(Two Flat racing days remaining)

SPORT IN BRIEF

First-time sponsors

Snooker's World Cup is to have a new sponsor when the event takes place in Bournemouth from March 16 to 19 next year. Fersina Windows will put up record prize-money of £125,000, with £40,000 for the winning team. It is the south-Yorkshire based company's first involvement in snooker.

Three-man teams from England, Scotland, Wales, Australia, Canada, Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland and the Rest of the World will compete.

Facing tourists

The Widnes back, David Hulme, is the replacement for David Creasser (Leeds) in the Rugby League chairman's squad against the Auckland tourists at Headingley next Tuesday. Creasser has a shoulder injury.



Thomas: "time to move"

Thomas leaves

David Thomas, aged 28, the Surrey fast bowler, has denied that the groin injury that has plagued him since 1985 has anything to do with his decision to end his 12-year tie with the Oval in the middle of a two-year contract. He said: "Things have not gone well for me for a couple of years and I think the time is right for me to move."

Tom Parker

Tom Parker, one of the all-time Arsenal greats, has died aged 89. Parker, who also won one England cap, captained Arsenal to FA Cup success in 1930 and and won a Football League Championship medal in 1931. Later he managed Southampton and Norwich.

First defence

Lloyd Hibbert, of Birmingham, will make the first defence of his British light-middleweight title at Wisbech on November 24 against Gary Cooper, of Southampton. Hibbert, who was scheduled to meet Cooper in May, lost the Commonwealth title to Troy Waters in Tasmania when he was stopped in four rounds.

Somerset loss

Somerset county cricket club, who have reappointed Peter Roebuck as captain, finished the year £15,832 in the red. It was their first financial loss for four years.